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PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATION.

A. ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN:

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." This plaint of our beloved Savior is as true and timely today as ever it was; and the great need deplored continues to distress the hearts of all who sincerely desire the Master's work to prosper. To relieve the situation, we are directed to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the harvest;" and in obedience thereto, prayers, fervent and without number, daily ascend to the throne of grace, pleading that workmen be sent.

Offered at the behest of Him in whose name alone our prayers become effective, Why is it that this particular petition is not more fully granted? It being God's own economy, most precious in His sight, and one He Himself retains so direct a charge of, why does He suffer the supply of husbandmen ever to fall short of the field's demand? Thus it is reported that in a certain Christian denomination in our land there are at present not less than seven hundred vacant pulpits; and that, too, in a body even somewhat smaller in membership than our own, and one I believe to comprise a devout and praying community. Now whilst it is true that a condition so extremely disheartening does not obtain throughout the Church in general, it does urge upon us the searching inquiry, why, in view of a field so vast and promising, and in point of worth beyond all price, the laborers are so few?

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Our experience as God's children teaches us that our heavenly Father, ever solicitous for our well-being, in His wisdom and love at times delays the hearing of prayer for purposes of our correction in righteousness and growth in grace; and, moreover, that at other times He really offers a gift in response to our requests for our acceptance, but which we on our part decline to receive because it does not exactly comport with what we have asked for. Now, may not one or the other of these explanations of prayers apparently unavailing apply to the churches as well as to their members taken singly?

When Christian churches — our own included, — despite all efforts they put forth, fail to secure an adequate number of Gospel-workers, the cause of such failure is usually sought at the doors of the gain-greedy, ease-loving, pleasure-mad and vainglorious world we are placed in, and the spirit of which more or less affects the membership of the Church. But whilst it is true that untoward influences from without keep many a young man from entering the ministry, I, for one, am

persuaded that in some measure and manner the churches themselves are at fault.

Thus it does transpire in certain quarters that when a vacancy is to be filled, it is made plain to every would-be candidate aspiring to the position that he must be just so and so: a man not above middle age, say; reputed to be well up in all the learning of our land and day; eloquent; of fine address and appearance; affable, a good mixer, hustler, organizer, and of great executive or administrative ability; broad-minded, liberal, of a gentle and yielding disposition, ever ready to receive advice; in short, a man one can be proud of in the community at large and from every point of view.

Now, while I am glad to say that to my knowledge we have no congregations in our own body that go to such extremes in their notions of what a pastor and preacher must be to be found efficient and acceptable, yet we do have members here and there, yes, and leaders in the congregation, who entertain the most extravagant opinions on a preacher's qualifications. It stands to reason that such hyper-criticism, wherever found, tends to make the minister's life a burden, and both drives some from the office and keeps others from ever entering it.

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But whilst holding the vagaries of individuals and of individual congregations in part accountable for the paucity of men in the ministry, how about the churches in their more extended capacity, synodical and denominational? In the many articles one reads and the speeches one hears on the subject, it seems to me that there is one phase of the question which receives little if any consideration. I refer to the standard of admission to the holy office. The fact is, that the educational qualifications exacted of candidates have been raised to such a pitch as to put the sacred calling out of reach for many a youth both gifted and inclined therein to serve his Lord. Thus in the minds of many, the leading viewpoint from which the merits of a sermon are to be judged is not that of a living testimony to the truth, but rather that of a learned discourse, oration, and the product of fine literary art.

Brethren, in my appreciation of the highly educated ministry I claim to stand second to no man; but that does not blind me to the fact that it may be — and is — overestimated. To insist that for anyone to be properly fitted for the Gospel ministry he must of necessity be thoroughly trained in systematic theology and in all the arts and sciences cognate thereto, I hold to be an unreasonable demand, and one transcending our Lord's will in the matter. Aud yet, aware of it or not, the whole drift in our own educational system is in that direction, and it is apparently gaining strength from day to day. One of our practical seminaries closed, the other is doing all in its power to divest itself of its limitations as though these were a positive reproach to it. And our ever ready yielding to the cry for additional courses, and for men to take charge of them, shows that as a body we permit ourselves to be guided rather by our lofty ideals than by our imperative needs.

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It is, as we all know, by a call from within and from without, that men are induced to enter the Gospel ministry. Now, take the case in which God and men have prevailed on a youth, naturally well endowed and withal of a heart devout, to declare himself willing to prepare for service in the church: ready to follow the call he — and most likely his parents also — inquires the time and the money it will take for study. He is informed that to his eight years of common schooling, say, from seven to nine or ten years more must be added, and at a cost of from two to three hundred dollars per annum, in order that he may be properly equipped for the office. Will not and does not the reply deter many a young man from ever entering school with the ministry in view?

Fifteen or sixteen years of study before a man is considered adequately prepared to expound the Word and to lead sinners to their Savior! There is where we stand today; and, so far as I can judge, such is the view prevailing throughout our dear church everywhere. But do the terms of our Lord's commission to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, really make such a course of preparation the antecedent condition of going forth to do His will? Moreover, in view of the millions of souls famishing for the bread of life, in our own land and among the heathens beyond, can we possibly justify our position?

Brethren, this aspect of the cause in hand must be a matter of the deepest concern to us all, and grip our very conscience. By word of mouth I have called attention to it on several occasions; but without any apparent results. Pardon me, therefore, if, in order to provoke you to a thorough discussion of the subject and, please God, to some corrective measures, I at this place have recourse to pointed and painful speech.

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"Beginning at Jerusalem," by whom was the highly civilized but idolatrous world, so far as then known, brought to the feet of Jesus in the lapse of two centuries? Were even the leaders in that glorious crusade every man a theologian and a scholar?

If a person of sound mind and of ordinary education can be converted to the faith and become an intelligent orthodox Christian by one year's instruction, say, are fifteen or sixteen years of training necessary to acquire the body of truth taught him, and to learn how to impart it?

To extend and build up the kingdom of God, must the preaching of the Word as the one means thereto, in order to be effective and successful, necessarily be supported by human wisdom and art?

Until thirty years of age the Son of Man worked at the carpenter's bench; and St. Paul, His most illustrious ambassador, worked at the loom whilst about the Master's business: has the field of the world the Church is called to occupy and make her own so changed, that there is no longer any need for men such as might be willing to labor with their own hands while doing pioneer work in the advancement of the Kingdom?

To what use do our scholarly preachers put the scientific apparatus they have been supplied with while working their way through our schools of high learning?

Concerned about preserving in its purity the doctrine, are you? Yes, and well. But consult any reliable Kirchen- und Ketzer-Geschichte, and ask whence have come the subtle speculations and divers heresies that have — and do — trouble the Church: from humble and God-fearing preachers and pastors, or from puffed up theologians?

Are we thoroughly awake to the fact that we are not living under the dominion of a state-church, where in consequence of artful diplomacy and arbitrary rulings, they who aspire to the pastoral office are required to be thoroughly conversant with theology and all things pertaining thereto; and moreover, that when graduated, years may pass by before they are assigned to a place? but rather that we are living in a land where doors upon doors are opened before men can be made ready to enter in and occupy the field? Facing this difference in the situation, why do we persist in the endeavor rigidly to follow European opinions, standards, measures and methods?

Has not a bias of mind, akin to what is known in secular spheres as Die trunkene Wissenschaft — i. e., knowledge self-conceited, inflated by fulsome praise and become rabid — cast its spell upon us and warped our good judgment touching the office of the holy ministry?

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All honor to the masters in theological lore who, in the fear and love of God, devote themselves to the defence and advancement of our Lord's kingdom and of its truth. The Church has need of them, and need, therefore, of schools thoroughly equipped and adequately supported for the training of such men. But when such institutions are established and maintained to the disparagement of schools of a lower grade, and the doors to the pastoral office are thus all but closed to so called practical men, then is the crying need of the Church lost sight of and the plain will of the Lord made to give way to the rulings of fallible men.

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"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." These directions of St. Paul to Timothy — II 2, 2 — as I take it are recorded as a charge to be heeded by the Church everywhere and at all times; and as it was in the case of Timothy, so it is evidently left to the good judgment of the Church to determine to whom, as "faithful" and as "able to teach," the Gospel truth is to be committed for transmission.

But whilst exercising this liberty of judgment, we must bear in mind that the term "able" or "apt to teach" — I Tim. 3, 2 — denotes a very relative qualification — but one which we are not permitted to contract or expand as it might please us. Wherefore, while fixing the degree of scholarship to be required at the hands of those who would enter the ministry, it is our sacred duty to consult the will of the

Lord, and steadily keep in view, not what would be highly useful, but what is imperatively needful in order that the Gospel of the Kingdom may be preached in all the world. Brethren, in ordering our educational system: what is our viewpoint? and what our end and aim? and by whose guidance do we seek to discharge the duties of our high commission to make known to the dying world the one saving truth?

B. REPORT.

1. Lutheran Federation. In compliance with instructions given me by your Honorable Body at its last convention, and having reference to the creation of a Federation comprising all the Lutheran bodies in our land, I sent out letters of inquiry touching the proposition to all the synodical presidents, including those of the general bodies. In reply, more than sixty very favorable answers were received. Only two expressed themselves averse to the movement. The presidents of the Synods comprising the Synodical Conference however were not heard from; but the president of this latter body informed me that, while personally he did not favor such a combine, he would nevertheless place the matter for action in the hands of a committee charged with a related subject, and that I might look for an answer from said committee. Up to date, no word has come from them.

Encouraged by the replies received, and by many other communications, I called a meeting of all the synodical presidents for the purpose of taking such preliminary steps as might be considered advisable in order to effect the alliance contemplated. This meeting took place in April, 1915; and was held in the parish house of the congregation served by Dr. Schuh, Toledo, O. To avoid a waste of words and time, I presented to that gathering a tentative constitution which latter, upon a few amendments having been passed on, was approved. In order that no one for conscience' sake might be constrained to keep aloof from the Federation, the terms of the latter are of a general character, referring chiefly to the safeguarding of our citizen rights as churches and churchmen. For the time being, at least, no specific Lutheran cooperation is contemplated.

The objects of the Federation as set forth are admittedly only of relative importance; they may however become of considerable weight in solving questions in which votes prove themselves more effective than the voice of right and reason here and there individually expressed.

Of greater and more direct importance to our beloved Church I consider the free conferences to be held in connection with federal conventions. There representative men of our faith from all parts of the land may come into personal touch and confer with one another upon questions pertaining to the kingdom our Lord has called us to advance.

It remains for your Honorable Body to take action at this session
a) stating whether the work set on foot shall be continued or not;
b) passing judgment upon the proposed constitution; and

c) in case you decide to go on with the movement, to elect delegates to the convention to be held in 1917, and make provision for meeting the expenses thereby incurred.

Closely perusing the Minutes of the Toledo meeting, which I append, no doubt some questions will arise in the minds of some. Such I shall be pleased to answer by word of mouth.

Federation of the Lutheran Churches in the United States of America.

In response to an invitation to the Presidents of Lutheran Synods by the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President of the Joint Synod of Ohio, the following persons met on April 14, 1915, in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, Rev. L. H. Schuh, Ph.D., pastor:

Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D., President Wittenberg Synod.
Rev. F. P. Manhart, D.D., President Susquehanna Synod.
Rev. J. M. Bramkamp, President Northern Illinois Synod.
Rev. A. C. Miller, D.D., President Olive Branch Synod.
Rev. H. B. Ernsberger, President East Ohio Synod.
Rev. R. E. Tulloss, President Northern Indiana Synod.
Rev. J. L. Neve, D.D., representing the German Wartburg Synod.
Rev. L. H. Larimer, D.D., representing the Miami Synod.
Rev. S. T. Himes, Ph.D., President of the Pittsburgh Synod.
Rev. C. S. Ide, representing the German Iowa Synod.
Rev. E. Hoffman, D.D., President Canada Synod.
Rev. C. K. Hunton, President Southwestern Virginia Synod.
Rev. H. Berthelsen, representing the United Danish Synod.
Rev. J. Frederick, representing the Immanuel Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Schuette called the meeting to order. He read chapter one of First John and offered prayer.

The following officers of the meeting were elected: President, Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D.; Vice-President, Rev. V. G. A. Tressler, Ph.D., D.D.; German Secretary, Rev. C. S. Ide, and English Secretary, Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D.D.

The following Lutheran ministers were present as visitors and were accorded the privileges of advisory members with the privilege of speaking on all questions:

Rev. L. H. Schuh, Ph.D., Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. W. E. Schuette, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. W. A. Bowman, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. C. E. Clessler, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. A. L. Burmann, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. H. P. Long, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. W. F. Rose, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. S. Q. Parks, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. Theodore von Schlichten, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. Theodore Jaeger, Joint Synod of Ohio.
Rev. Wm. Brenner, District Synod of Ohio.
Rev. W. A. Bierdeman, D.D., District Synod of Ohio.
Rev. H. Hamfeldt, Canada Synod.
Rev. George Blievernicht, Missouri Synod.
Rev. Theodore Horst, Missouri Synod.
Rev. Alvin E. Bell, Wittenberg Synod.

The document, including Prefatory Statements and a tentative Constitution submitted by President Schuette to members of conference, was considered and as amended, was adopted, as follows:

Prefatory Statements.

The kingdom of our God and His Christ is essentially a body spiritual, and the one and only means of its building is the divine Word as this is embodied in the inspired scriptures of the Old and New Testament books of the Bible.

The work of building up this kingdom it has pleased God to place in the hands of its citizen believers, both singly and collectively; and to apply themselves freely, fully, and without molestation from without, to the work thus committed unto them is the inalienable right of one and all. To secure each and every member of a commonwealth against all untoward interferences in the exercise of this right is, by the will of God, the highest end and aim of all civil authority.

In happy recognition of this momentous truth our government, by fundamental law both national and state, guarantees to all its subjects the full enjoyment of what is briefly comprehended in the term, Religious Liberty.

At the same time there are factors and forces at work in our land which deny the very principle underlying this God-given right, and which put forth every effort either to abridge its scope or to usurp it as a function belonging exclusively to some coterie of their own creation. Moreover, there are those among us who abuse the powers and places they hold through public appointment by propagating opinions inimical to the very fundamentals of true religion. The interests of the most precious of all our civic rights and liberties being thus endangered, we feel ourselves in duty bound to do all we can to expose the fallacies and presumptions lying at the bottom of these pernicious incidents and movements, and to combat them by all legitimate means; and so to do not only individually but also conjointly with those who are of the same mind with us in a cause so pre-eminently weighty and sacred.

Constitution.

SECTION 1. *The Name* of this association shall be, *The Federation of Lutheran Churches in the United States of America.*

SECTION 2. *Members.* The unit membership of this association shall be composed of synods which *ex animo* acknowledge the unaltered Augsburg Confession as the standard of their faith, and which subscribe to the stipulations set forth in these articles of agreement.

The appointment of delegates on the part of the unit membership, i. e., the synods, may be left to the general bodies to which they respectively belong.

SECTION 3. *Object.* A. It shall be the specific purpose of this alliance to preserve in its integrity the principle of religious liberty assured to us by the fundamental laws of our land, and to insist upon their strict observance everywhere within the domain of our state, school, church and social life.

B. In connection with, and following, the meeting of the Federation, a Free Conference shall be held for the purpose of bringing about a fuller and truer unity of the churches represented.

SECTION 4. *Means.* The forces and agencies to be employed in the prosecution of the work assumed shall be such as lie at hand in the pulpit, platform, press, and in the resort to public remonstrances, memorials and protests.

SECTION 5. *The Officers* of this association shall be: a president, vice president, one secretary for each language represented, a treasurer, a statistician, and an executive committee; all to be elected by absolute majority of the ballots cast, the election to take place at the close of the regular conventions and with due regard to a fair and equitable representation of the several synods in the makeup of this body.

SECTION 6. *The Duties* of these officers shall be such as are implied in the names respectively designating them, and such as may be otherwise specifically assigned.

SECTION 7. *Conventions.* Regular meetings shall be held at least once in two years, in the month of November, and at such places as may be agreed upon.

The first meeting shall be held during the month of November, 1917.

Special meetings shall be held when called for by a majority of the delegates of the unit membership.

SECTION 8. *Representation.* At the meetings held every unit member, i. e., synod, shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate; and the larger bodies or synods to one clerical and one lay delegate to every 20,000 of their communicant membership. The delegates shall hold office until their successors are elected.

SECTION 9. *Government.* The parliamentary rules and regulations generally accepted shall be observed at the sessions of this body, and all its business conducted as becoming Christian believers. If at the time and place of meeting divine services take place, these shall be considered as held by the private appointment of the pastor and preacher arranging for them.

SECTION 10. *The Expenses* officially incurred by this body shall be met by its unit membership, and collected from them pro rata upon the basis of the number of communicants respectively represented by them.

SECTION 11. *Documents,* such as public remonstrances and protests of a nation-wide character, in order to bear the stamp of this body as a whole must be submitted to and approved by its delegates, and when so approved be signed by its president and secretaries.

SECTION 12. *Amendments.* Sec. 2 excepted, any article of this constitution may be changed or added to from time to time subject to the approval of the synodical bodies composing this union. By-laws supplementary to and not in conflict with the preceding articles may be adopted at any regular convention of the federation.

Statement.

The following statement by way of elucidation and explanation was adopted:

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Joint Synod of Ohio at its 1914 convention referring to an effort to secure the organization of Lutheran synods and directing its president to communicate its action to other Lutheran bodies and invite them to a participation in this effort:

A letter was sent by the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D.D., President of the Joint Synod of Ohio, to the presidents of all the Lutheran synodical bodies in the United States inquiring as to their attitude to the project and their willingness to attend a preliminary meeting. Responses to this letter were received from about sixty presidents, almost unanimously favorable. Following this, President Dr. Schuette issued a call for a meeting to be held in the parish house of St. Paul's Church, Toledo, Ohio, April 14, 1915. At this meeting, as a means towards securing definite action, it was resolved to submit a tentative constitution to the Lutheran synods of our country for their consideration, and to issue a call for a general convention.

Accordingly, well aware that this convention of presidents has no authority beyond presenting a preliminary plan, we submit a tentative constitution for a Federation of Lutheran Churches in the United States of America, and request each synodical body to send delegates on the basis provided in Section 8 to the first convention as proposed in Section 7 for 1917; it being understood that if deemed necessary the tentative constitution is to be revised by this convention and that it shall then be resubmitted for final approval to all participating bodies.

Synods are requested to instruct their delegates as to desired changes therein.

In cases where synods desire that this matter be referred to their general bodies, and action on this matter be taken by the general body with which they are associated, it is requested that they take necessary action to be represented in accordance with the last sentence of Section 8.

Explanatory.

Influences referred to in Paragraph 4 of the Prefatory Statements are, e. g., The effort to secure the placing of the name of God and Christ in the Constitution of the United States, on the basis of which legislation on religious matters might be secured; The pernicious activity in political matters by the Church of Rome; The teaching in our schools, both high and low, of things subversive of true religion; The attendance by our public servants, in their official capacity, at church services; etc.

It was resolved that the Executive Committee mail a brief account of this meeting and a copy of these resolutions, together with the Constitution, to every Lutheran synod in the United States, and that the same be published in the church papers.

2. The Year of Our Lord 1917. An hour or two, at the very least, should be set apart for a discussion of the celebration this notable year calls for. Among other questions I would ask whether a mass meeting of our entire body as originally constituted might not be highly appropriate and profitable? Were such a convention called, a revision of our synodical constitution might be effected, and other business of a general character be attended to.

In this connection I beg leave to propose that, in case the Jubilee fund we have set out to raise exceed the sum of $250,000, the surplus amount be placed as an interest-bearing fund at the disposal of our Board of Aids.

3. Finances. Upon this subject you are respectfully referred to the several treasury reports. I would remark however that any one, who will take the trouble of adding the interest-bearing funds as there set forth, will find that the endowments of our different Treasuries at present amount to the sum of about $420,000.

By way of scholarships $5,000 were added during the past two years; and by last will and testament a prospective sum of about $8,000.

The estate of W. C. Bickle, deceased, a member of the Eaton, O., charge, was settled up during the past year. The bequest, stipulated to be used in support of a professorship in Capital University, and paid over to the latter, amounts to $24,494.22. Other gifts received are accounted for by the several treasurers.

4. Educational Institutions. Consult reports on same.

5. Eleemosynary Institutions. An offer will be placed in your hands, requesting that you take over the property hitherto used as a hospital, and located at Springfield, Minn., and that it be used as an Old Folks' Home. I would advise that the offer be accepted.

6. I move that we follow the same order of business adopted at the last convention, to-wit:

Thursday. Organization. Missions. 1 Committee.
Friday. Institutions of Learning. 2 Committee.
Saturday. Nominations. Varia. 3 Committee.
Monday. Finances. Eleemosynary Institutions. 4 Committee.
Tuesday. Publication Matters.
Wednesday. Deferred Business.

Wishing your honorable Body the richest blessing of God upon all your proceedings, this communication is respectfully submitted.

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *Pres.*

Sandusky, O., August, A. D. 1916.

REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BOARD, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

DEAR BRETHREN: With devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, whose protecting hand has visibly blessed our Seminary during the last two years, we present to you our biennial report.

Instruction.

The health of professors and students made it possible that all the branches, prescribed in the course of study, were taught and finished without any interruption.

The attendance of students in 1914-15 was 34, and in 1915-16, 32.

Convinced of the great importance of a working knowledge of the Hebrew language for theological students your Board, in conjunction with the honorable Faculty, planned for greater efficiency in this study, and trusts that the endeavors put forth will show the desired results.

Student William Schmidt.

Student William Schmidt, one of the twenty-six young brothers, who, during the last two years graduated from our Seminary, volunteered as missionary to India. He started on his voyage together with our missionary, J. Pflueger and family, but up to date the party has not been permitted to land in India.

Sessions of the Board.

Four regular sessions were held by your Board. At the December meeting of 1914 Mr. Herman Benzin was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Capital University and at the December meeting of 1915 Mr. Otto Spielman was elected; both were elected for a period of three years.

At the June meeting of 1915 your Board took due cognizance of the demise of our venerable Dr. M. Loy. As an instructor in our institution and as a leader in our synod Dr. Loy, by his long and faithful service, has left his impress upon our synod for consistent Lutheranism. May his positive Christian character and his uncompromising opposition to all un-Lutheran and anti-Christian movements continue to exert a wholesome influence on our synod's history.

Library.

Under the efficient management and untiring labors of our librarian, Dr. Theo. Mees, our library is constantly growing in size, value and efficiency. In June, 1915, the new library building was dedicated and the library moved into pleasant and commodious quarters.

"Lehmann Divinity Hall."

Two years ago your honorable body declared itself: "We solicit the friends of our institution, whom God has blessed with the means, to place funds at our disposal, enabling us to erect the 'Lehman Divinity Hall' for the theological seminary of our Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio."

"The Lutheran Choral Society, Columbus, Ohio," has made the laudable beginning by depositing $200.00 for that purpose.

Our recitation halls being overcrowded now, so that for lack of room we dare not solicit more students than we have at present, we trust that Joint Synod will devise ways and means whereby the necessary funds may be secured to erect the building.

Election.

The time of office of the following members of the Board has now expired: The Revs. E. A. Boehme and H. G. Schmidt, and the Messrs. Ph. Herrnstein and G. A. Lange.

In the name of the Seminary Board, your obedient servants,

E. A. Boehme, *President.*
E. H. D. Winterhoff, *Sec'y.*

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.

Dear Brethren:

With gratitude to God for blessings vouchsafed to our Institution again in the past two years, the Board of Trustees of Capital University herewith submits its biennial report.

1. Professors and Instructors.

With brief exceptions our active professors have enjoyed good health in the past two years and are at present all carrying out their work.

Reverend Professor Dr. M. Loy, active for so many years, but for some years on account of failing health professor emeritus, was called to his reward, January 26, 1915.

Professor G. K. Leonard, A. M., also active for many years, but incapacitated, and a professor emeritus for several years, is still among us, but is in a precarious condition.

Prof. Karl G. Busch, A. B., B. Sc., was called, and was installed Nov. 8, 1914, as Professor of Sciences.

Rev. Prof. C. B. Gohdes, A. M., who had acted as instructor for some time, was called as Professor of History.

Rev. Prof. P. J. Mackensen, A. M., who was on leave of absence for several years to further fit himself at another university for his calling, returned in September, 1914, and is filling the chair of Professor of German Language and Literature.

On account of the increased number of students necessitating the division of large classes, and on account of the fuller course, it was found necessary to augment our teaching force, by tutors drawn from our advanced students, and to appoint other regular instructors, as directed by Synod. Prof. Ross Wildermuth, A. B., a graduate of Capital University, was appointed such an instructor in 1915, his work being in mathematics, Latin and German.

It is pleasing to note, in this connection, that since our last meeting, the Chair of English has been endowed with the recent W. C. Bickel bequest.

2. Students.

Since your last convention the number of students has again been augmented, so that we had an enrollment, 1914-1915, of 206, and an enrollment, 1915-1916, of 244; at the close of the one year there were left 197; at the close of the last year there were left 219. The outlook for next year is that a similarly large number will be enrolled. It will be impossible, under present conditions, to handle a larger number; not so much on account of the housing and boarding conditions, which are arranged for, but on account of the inconveniences and burdens felt in the class-room and equipment, where relief is needed if the present high standing is to be maintained and the teaching force is not to break down.

The conduct of the students, in general, was quite satisfactory.

3. Degrees.

The degree of A. B. was conferred on eight students in 1915, and fourteen in 1916.

Professors E. Pfeiffer and R. C. H. Lenski were honored with the D. D. degree in 1915, and Professor E. J. Braulick, of Waverly, Iowa, and Rev. S. A. Stein, of Springfield, Ohio, with the A. M. degree in 1916.

4. The Academy.

The Academy was made an organization of its own, and Prof. R. V. Schmitt placed at its head, as Principal, graduating students, with a commencement, giving diplomas, supplying speakers, etc. There were sixteen graduates in 1915 and twenty-nine in 1916.

It is gratifying to report that our Academy, at its first application for an accrediting, has been approved by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, as a first-class high school, and our credits are accepted anywhere in the territory of the association.

5. Course in Business Law for Seminary Students.

A course in business law, in which information is to be imparted to Seminary students, on matters of property, contracts, mortgages, wills, testimonies, taxes, laws and regulations respecting civic morals and the like, a knowledge of which would be valuable to ministers, the course to be given once every three years by some competent attorney from the city, was recommended to and adopted by the Board.

6. New Buildings and Improvements.

The Heating Plant authorized by Synod has been installed and is giving satisfaction.

The Rudolf Library building is completed and was dedicated June, 1915.

It might be well to state in this connection, that street improvements are being made about the Institution requiring an additional appropriation of Synod.

Treasurer Singer will report on the financial conditions.

7. Finances.

With gratitude to God and the noble donors, we are enabled to acknowledge, in addition to the increased income from the increased number of students, the following increase of assets — not to speak of scholarships, which are for the benefit of the respective students having the use of them rather than for the Institution.

On the decease of Widow Barbara Spangler, of Sidney, Ohio, her estate, which has been transferred to our Institution, and for whom we, with the Board of Aids, provided in her declining life, was made available for our purposes. It may amount to somewhat over $3,000.

Mr. W. C. Bickel, of Eaton, Ohio, bequeathed his estate, consisting of bonds, etc., to our Institution, the amount being about $30,000; and with this fund we have endowed the Chair of English in Capital University.

A small beginning has been made in raising funds for the proposed Lehmann Divinity Hall.

In her appropriations, Synod will be asked to take care of our increased requirements and obligations, necessitated by street improvements, increase of salaries and teaching force, etc., upon all of which Treasurer Singer will report.

In view of the fact that professors' salaries, by resolution of Synod, are to be paid monthly, and contributions for our institutions are received mainly in June and December, we join in the request of Treasurer Singer, that Synod instruct the General Treasurer to pay each institution one-twelfth of its annual appropriation each month; and if the money is not at hand, he be authorized to make temporary loans for that purpose.

Our representatives at Synod will be prepared to give data and information generally on all points in this report.

Praying God's blessing upon all of your deliberations and undertakings,

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY,

By C. F. W. ALLWARDT, *Pres.*
L. H. BURRY, *Sec'y.*

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

In the past two years the grace of God has again abundantly rested upon school, teachers, and scholars.

1. Pursuant to the decision of the Joint Synod at its last meeting to extend the course of our Proseminary by one year and to call another professor the Board called Pastor J. Cornils, July 20, 1915. The same was installed by Dr. H. Ernst at the opening of our school September 8, 1915. With this additional teaching force we are able to organize a full college.

2. Through the grace of God in the past years our Professors enjoyed the best of health, and the work could be carried on without interruption, with the exception of Professor Kroening who, on account of eye-trouble, asked the assistance of his son.

3. The number of students in our school in the past year was 109. Of these 82 are in the Proseminary and 27 in the Seminary. Seven from the Seminary, after having passed a creditable examination, entered the ministry. The Board saw itself necessitated to require every student under twenty-three years to take the year added to the course. For that reason the number of students in our theological department is smaller than usual.

4. The state of health of our students was in general good. Unfortunately we had three cases of consumption which in the case of two resulted in speedy death. The third is at present in the Sanatorium at San Antonio, Texas. On June 16 two students went bathing in Lake Phalen and one, being seized with cramps, drowned.

5. The spirit and deportment of the students in general was satisfactory.

6. A long noticed defect in our building was corrected last year. Our school was able to get connections with the city sewer, so that we were able to fit out the bath and washrooms. The Board asks the honorable Synod to grant the extra expense of $2,620.

7. The necessary repairs were made and others will be made. Rev. H. Eisenbach resigned as member of the Board and in his place the Board elected Rev. J. Reif. Finally, we desire to call the attention of the Synod to the fact that the time of service of Revs. J. Reif, Geo. Diemer and Teacher H. Bammann has expired.

Respectfully,

GEO. DIEMER.

NORMAL SCHOOL, WOODVILLE, OHIO.

With sincere thanks toward God who during the past two years so mercifully dealt with our institution, and graciously blessed and prospered the work of both professors and students, we submit the following report:

The total annual enrollment of the past two years was 74. In these two years 9 teachers, 6 young men and 3 young ladies, were sent out to work in the parochial school. It still is very difficult to induce young men to prepare for the vocation of parochial school teacher.

"For years it has been the practice of congregations in our synod to hire lady teachers who have had no normal training. Thereby our young ladies who receive a normal training, i. e., graduates of our Normal School are put at a disadvantage." * * * (Report of Director, Feb. 19, 1916.) Your Board begs the honorable Synod to cause this subject to be discussed and to voice its opposition to the practice of hiring lady teachers not having had a regular normal training.

We rejoice to report that the erection of our new building, Normal Hall, begun in 1914, under God's protecting hand was completed in June, 1915. The building is 45' x 80', one story high, with a full basement, built of stone and brick, and in every respect equipped with modern appliances. The main floor consists of one large hall with a stage at one end. On this stage has been placed the pipe organ of the institution. This hall is used by the students, boys and girls, for gymnastic and athletic exercises, as well as for musical and literary entertainments. The basement contains a furnace room, toilet, kitchen and a large banquet hall. The treasurer of our Normal will report on the cost, etc.

After the pipe organ had been removed from the auditorium of the dormitory, the Board had a part of the auditorium converted into two smaller rooms, one to be used as library, the other as faculty room. By means of other changes a number of additional living rooms were arranged for.

The Board has installed shower baths and toilet in the basement of the dormitory for the students and a fully equipped bathroom in the Director's residence. The water for all buildings of the institution is supplied by an automatic electric pump and compression tank. For cost of installation see treasurer's report.

At the request of the Board and faculty the State Commission of Schools sent an inspector to our school. As a result of his investigation and a few slight additions to the curriculum and library, the Junior Department of our Normal has been accorded recognition as a First Grade High School.

WHEREAS, It had pleased God to take to his rest Mr. B. S. Otten, for many years a member of our Board and a faithful friend of our institution, your Board, on June 19, 1915, elected Mr. Fred Mauntler as his successor.

The term of office of the following members expires with this session: Rev. H. D. Blohm, J. J. Ballmer, A. H. Dornbirer, and Fred Mauntler. To be elected at this session of Synod, 1 pastor, 1 teacher, and 2 lay members, each for a term of 4 years.

J. J. BALLMER, *Sec.*

Petition.

The Board of Directors of Woodville Normal beg leave to submit to Joint Synod the following petitions:

A

WHEREAS, It is so very difficult to find lodging for the girls of our institution, and

WHEREAS, The present arrangement is a positive hindrance to good discipline, therefore be it

Resolved: That we petition Joint Synod for an appropriation of not less than $10,000 for the erection of a ladies' dormitory.

B

Our Board petitions Joint Synod to grant our school a full professorship in place of the present arrangement whereby teacher C. Vogel each week instructs about 15 periods. The prime purpose aimed at by this change is to allow the Director of the Institution time to visit congregations, encouraging the organizing of more parochial schools, and soliciting students and monies for our institution.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN ACADEMY, SPOKANE, WASH.

At its forty-second convention, in 1914, your Honorable Body resolved to abolish the theological department of this institution and to encourage the brethren of the Washington District to send their theological students to St. Paul or Columbus. It was further resolved to remove the Academy from Olympia, and temporarily to combine the same with the Norwegian College in Spokane.

The opening of the new school year being near at hand when these resolutions were passed, a result of this action was that not only the theological students, but those in the proseminary and even a few new students decided at once to enter at St. Paul. Therefore in the first year of the co-operation of our Academy with Spokane College, although seven young people from our congregation attended here, none of these had fully decided to study for the ministry.

Since the employment of more than one teacher on our part did not under these circumstances appear to be justified, Rev. A. E. Minneman resigned as professor and accepted a pastorate within our district.

In the second school year the number of students sent by us to Spokane College increased, reaching a total of fifteen.

At Board meetings, as also at our conference sessions, the advantages of our co-operation with Spokane College were continually emphasized to such an extent that the Board found no occasion to arrange for or recommend any change. In addition to this, while the property in Olympia has up to this time been suitably rented, the sale of the property could not yet be effected. The Olympia School Board, who had given us the hope of purchasing the same, found it necessary to give up this plan and to make other arrangements.

Three of our theological students completed their course at St. Paul. One of these already before last Christmas received a call into our District, but declined the same, in order to accept a congregation in Minnesota; so that only two men are left for vacant fields in the Washington District. One student was obliged to return home from St. Paul on account of illness, and died at his home in Idaho.

The Spokane College Board of Regents has granted our request with regard to refunding the tuition paid in by our students. The former annual tuition of $50 has been divided, so that $10 of this amount is now required for heat, light and incidentals, $40 remaining as the tuition in all courses.

Since the rent from our property in Olympia has flowed into our treasury, we have used only a relatively small portion of the appropriation for our Academy. At this time, however, the buildings at Olympia are vacant, so that for the continuation of the work the Board requests the same appropriation as two years ago, namely, $5,400.00.

Finally, the term of office of the following brethren has expired, namely, of the Revs. O. T. Just and K. Kilian, and of Mr. H. Pochert.

Respectfully submitted,

P. GROSCHUPF.

HEBRON ACADEMY, HEBRON, NEBR.

With gratitude to God who has blessed our school, the Hebron Academy Board begs leave to submit its report to Joint Synod.

The experimental stage of Hebron Academy is a thing of the past. During the five years of its existence it had no "boom," but a normal growth in proportion to the strength of our District. A goodly number of young people have come under its wholesome Christian influence. This influence over a number of young people is surely worth more than the dollars and cents spent to keep up our school.

Good work has been done in our institution. The High School course came up to the standard set by the state. The excellent music department has drawn a number of students to our academy.

The conduct of students was such that the question of discipline caused no great difficulty.

Credit is due to the men who have stayed faithfully with the work from the beginning. The Director originally chosen is still at the head of the institution. Prof. M. Paysen and Prof. W. L. Young worked together with Director Buehring faithfully and harmoniously. They were assisted in their work the last two years by S. M. Soennichsen (instructor), Miss Herma Meyer (matron and instructor, 1914-1915), Miss Marie Kellermeyer (matron and assistant music teacher, 1915-1916).

During the last school year seventy-one students were enrolled, thirty-five of which took the literary courses, while the other thirty-six were special music students. Since the latter must pay for every lesson they take, these music students furnish quite a source of income, and make it possible for us to give free music instruction to those of our students pledged to church work, with little expense to Joint Synod.

Of the five students who graduated this year three intend to continue their studies in Woodville. Of the last year's graduates two entered the college at Columbus, having the ministry in view.

In accordance with the resolutions passed by the Board at its regular meeting Synod is herewith petitioned to appropriate $4,300 annually for the running expenses of our institution and to erect a residence for the Director at a cost of $4,000, subject to the conditions in force in regard to such residences at Columbus and St. Paul.

Finally, attention is called to the fact that the term as members of the Board expires at this session for Rev. F. W. H. Kerl and the undersigned. In the name of the board,

F. POHLMANN, *President.*

LUTHER ACADEMY, MELVILLE, SASK.

1. Your Board organized Sept. 22, 1914, by electing the following officers: Chairman, Rev. G. Gehrke; Secretary, Rev. J. Fritz; Financial Secretary, Rev. L. F. Tank; Treasurer, Mr. J. D. Miller.

2. It has pleased God Almighty to take to his heavenly rest our chairman, Rev. G. Gehrke, December 29, 1915, after a short but very severe illness. Our institution has lost its warmest friend. We regret his loss, but submit ourselves to the gracious will of God and pray that also in future the blessing of the Lord may rest on our school.

3. The enrollment during last year was, in spite of the existing war conditions, larger than in the previous year. Of the 32 students enrolled, 16 are preparing for the ministry; some of them will enter next year our Seminary at St. Paul. Thanks be to God. Health and conduct of the students were satisfactory in every respect.

4. Rev. C. Pohlmann was engaged as assistant teacher during the last year, but as with the coming school-year another class will be added which will require 30 more periods, therefore the Board petitions that a third teacher be called.

5. We are able to report that the income of the institution treasury could meet all requirements, and that a balance is at hand.

6. We regret that the debt resting on the institution could not be cancelled. The receipts hardly were sufficient to pay the interest. The crop failure of the year 1914, the cessation of city improvements and the general business depression caused by the war, have made it impossible to collect the outstanding subscriptions. We ask Synod to assist us in our hard pressed situation, to advise us what to do, as we are willing to do our duty, namely, take care of our debt and also take part in raising monies for the Reformation Jubilee Fund.

7. The Board recommends that the presidents of our institutions gather in conference at each session of Joint Synod to discuss our whole school system, to bring it to the highest standard required.

8. We also call attention to the fact that the terms of office of the following members have expired: Rev. G. Gehrke, deceased, Rev. L. F. Tank and Mr. J. D. Miller.

9. We petition Synod for the same grant as heretofore, $3,500.00, but should another teacher be called the appropriation must be according.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRITZ, *Sec.*

REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME, RICHMOND, IND.

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." This comfort of the promise of our heavenly Father we have again experienced during the last two years and it has strengthened our faith and signally shown us the truth of His Word, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." He has richly provided for our bodily and spiritual needs, and under the protecting wings of His almighty power we have been spared danger and calamity. To Him belong honor and praise!

It is apparent that the administration of an institution, such as our home is, requires much prayer and work, much wisdom and love, many sacrifices in general, and much consecration in particular. Superintendent Specht and his estimable wife have not disappointed us in our expectations, and have discharged their duties in a highly conscientious and painstaking manner. We have often made unannounced visits to the Home, and in every instance have found the institution in the best of order and spotlessly clean. Other visitors have passed the same compliment. May the gracious Lord continue to give them strength and ability from above in the performance of their arduous but blessed work.

Your attention is called to the following details: During the last two years our dormitories were mostly filled. A great many applications

for admittance in the Home we felt constrained on account of certain conditions, to reject. In the last biennium we received 25 children; 18 were dismissed, some of whom returned to their relatives, while others attained the age limit of 18 years. At present there are 76 children in the institution, 42 boys and 34 girls. Fifty-three of these children are of school age. One girl is employed outside of the home. There have been no deaths nor cases of serious illness. One child at the close of last year was suddenly attacked by diphtheria, but the Lord's protection prevented a contagion of this dreadful disease. The same child was later transferred to the state sanitarium for tuberculosis by its father.

A change has taken place in our school. On account of her health Miss Ricker resigned in February. Miss Sixt, a graduate of Woodville Normal, was called to the position, and will assume her duties in September. Teacher Mroch still continues to teach the upper grades with ability and efficiency. Miss Hanstein, assistant to Mrs. Specht, has proved herself highly competent. She is governess of the girls and has charge of the sewing room.

The farm is still directed by Mr. Atzinger in a manner satisfactory to the Board. The larger boys assist him. The reports submitted to the Board at various times by the superintendent show that we are not only receiving an ample supply from our farm for the home, but are also enabled to sell a gratifying surplus at a substantial price. Also this year we have prospects of a good crop. At present our stock consists of 4 horses, 6 cows, 5 calves, 16 pigs, 20 shoats and poultry.

Relative to the needs of our home, we refer to the separate reports of our financial secretary and treasurer. It will be noted that even with the most rigid economy we were unable to stay within the $6,000 appropriation, owing to the increased prices of all the necessities of life. We therefore earnestly petition Synod to increase our appropriation to $7,500 annually. In this connection we would call attention to a petition of the Miami Valley Local Conference that the salary of the superintendent be increased. Since the question of an increase of salary lies beyond the jurisdiction of the Board we referred the brethren to Synod. Nevertheless the Board recommends that synod raise his salary from $600 to at least $800.

The administration of the Endowment Fund is still in the hands of Rev. Ridenour and has been increased to $23,633.87. This fund has been administered with great care and good business judgment. The moneys not only have been safely invested but also with such excellent results that the income has become a source of considerable revenue for the upkeep of the institution. We respectfully petition synod to make him permanent custodian of this fund.

It is our sad duty to incorporate in this report a notice of the death of Rev. Joseph Beck, for more than twenty years a faithful and conscientious member of the board and for many years its financial secretary. On November 4, 1915, he entered into the rest of the children of God. Since Synod resolved to limit the membership of the Board in conformity with the charter to six members no one was named to suc-

ceed Rev. Beck. We petition Synod, however, not to change the number of board members, but, in conformity with the constitution of the Home, let it remain nine members, four pastors and five laymen.

In the name of the Board,

A. J. FERGER,

Richmond, Indiana, July 5, 1916.

SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOMES, MARS, PA.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The past two years have been very busy ones and they have been fraught with many blessings to our institutions of mercy at Mars. We would acknowledge the kind providence of our Heavenly Father and His abundant mercy in Christ Jesus.

Our treasurer's report will show extensive improvements and alterations which had become necessary for several reasons: 1st. the increasing number of inmates in both Homes required more room; 2. much of our equipment had worn out, or had become antiquated or unsanitary; 3d. owing to the difficulty of obtaining satisfactory help, labor saving machinery and appliances had to be installed.

The following are some of the more important improvements: The fourth floor of the Old Folks' Home which had not been finished when the building was constructed, was partitioned off and finished into thirteen rooms for inmates. For the convenience of the aged, an elevator was also installed in this building. Both buildings were wired and electric lighting installed, also electrical laundry equipment. These and other minor improvements have placed the Homes in a good state of repair.

Early in 1915 the director of the Mary J. Drexel Home of Philadelphia informed your Board that owing to their inability to send us sufficient help they would be compelled to withdraw their deaconesses from the management of the Homes by Easter of the same year.

On January 21 of the same year, the Board held a meeting in conjunction with the General President Dr. Schuette, when it was decided to ask the congregation at Mars to co-operate and make the pastor of that congregation also superintendent of the Homes. This was finally done and Rev. E. G. Spoehr, then pastor of the congregation, was called and the call accepted. A matron for each building was found and finally also sufficient help to do the work, so that at the present time everything is working smoothly, however, at considerably increased cost.

In the Children's Home there are at the present time 43 children, 28 boys and 15 girls, 6 are orphans and 37 half orphans; 2 have been placed in Christian homes, 7 have been confirmed, 28 are attending the Home school taught by Miss Thiede.

In the Old Folks' Home are 24 inmates, 13 men and 11 women; thirteen persons were received during the last two years, 8 entered into their rest, one was dismissed.

Th appended treasurer's report will give information as to our finances. Because of the increased cost of help as well as of practically all material, we must ask synod for an annual appropriation of $5,000 instead of $4,000 the previous appropriation; also that synod authorize the raising of the entrance fee to the Old Folks' Home from $250.00 to $500.00.

On October 7, 1915, Pastor F. Meyer of Zelienople, resigned as member of the Board, owing to his removal to New York. In his place Pastor C. F. W. Brecht of Chicora, was appointed by the Board, which action we ask synod to ratify. Also the terms of Bro. C. E. Cronenwett and Pastor E. F. A. Dittmer have expired and successors need to be elected at this meeting.

The Board takes this opportunity to thank the brethren of synod as well as the Mary J. Drexel Deaconess Home for their interest in and support of the work at Mars.

The Lord grant us wisdom and love in our deliberations.

In the name of the Board,

C. V. Sheatsley, *Pres.*
E. F. A. Dittmer, *Sec.*

REPORT OF BOARD OF AIDS.

Roll of Members:

Pastors, elected for 6 years:

J. M. Johanssen	Term expires 1916
C. H. Althoff	Term expires 1918
C. Bez	Term expires 1920

Teachers, elected for 4 years:

F. Wiechert	Term expires 1916
C. Vogel	Term expires 1918

Laymen, elected for 4 years:

J. F. Nieman	Term expires 1916
J. Michelfelder	Term expires 1918

The regular meetings were held coincident with the meetings of the Northern District. The executive committee, consisting of the undersigned, secretary Prof. Vogel, and treasurer Nieman, of course held frequent consultations.

The Board herewith extends thanks to the presidents and visitors of the various districts and conferences for their fervent intercessions in behalf of its treasury.

The Board does not aim to create a surplus in this treasury, but to distribute the total income conscientiously. It regrets that occasionally application blanks are not completely filled out.

This Board is working with scarcely any expense, since the members, according to the rules, "dwell not too far apart." Recognition however is due the faithful and time-consuming work of the secretary and treasurer, to whose minutes and reports synod is herewith respectfully referred.

J. M. JOHANSSEN,
President Board of Aids.

REPORTS OF THE BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

HOME MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: Notwithstanding the European war in which Canada, where almost one-third of the number of our home missionaries are laboring, is also involved; and despite the total failure of crops two years ago in many sections of Canada, this department of our work has not only continued but was also signally blessed.

During the past two years we had one hundred and seventy-eight missionaries on our list. During this period fifty-seven men (twenty-five pastors, thirteen students from Columbus, eighteen from St. Paul and one from Melville), entered the home mission field. Fifteen missions became self-sustaining and four were united with a self-sustaining charge. While a number of old congregations and missions which had been self-sustaining had to be placed on the list of missions again, twenty-one entirely new fields were entered and supplied with missionaries. At this date we have 117 missionaries in the field and seven vacant fields. The number of missionaries would be larger had not so many of the candidates from St. Paul been barred from getting into Canada on account of their nationality.

Organization.

After the last meeting of Joint Synod the board organized by electing Rev. M. R. Walter president, the Revs. M. R. Walter, Geo. Troutman and E. F. W. Stellhorn the executive committee, and the Revs. D. P. Ebert, J. J. Allwardt and S. A. Stein the auditing committee.

The business of the board required fifty-one full day meetings and additional meetings of the executive and auditing committees.

Finances.

Though the collections and gifts for the home mission treasury did not come up to the appropriation of $50,000.00 per annum, the entire receipts, including $5,000.00 earnings from the Book Concern, refunds and interest on daily balance on deposits in the bank brought the total re-

ceipts up to $98,054.26. The board not only met all expenses but also paid off the debt of $3,357.48, reported two years ago, and has the reserve fund of $2,754.75 to be used in case of an emergency.

Owing to the fact that we held back as much as possible on account of existing conditions in Canada, and because we were not able to get into Canada as many candidates from St. Paul as were needed, for the reason stated above, and owing to the refunds made by quite a number of congregations in Canada on the extra appropriations granted on account of the drought, and especially owing to the $5,000 received from the Lutheran Book Concern, we are able to report a balance of $4,243.10 in the treasury.

Support of Missionaries.

On account of the readjustment of salaries, on account of the increased cost of living, with the view of equity, it will take approximately $7,000.00 more for the support of the same number of men we had in the field last year, and this will not provide for the many requests to take up work in new fields.

Future Needs.

The increase and equalization of salaries of the missionaries and the new fields which will most likely be opened to us either in our northwestern states or in Canada after the conclusion of the war, and likely both, compel us to ask the honorable Joint Synod for an appropriation of $60,000.00 per annum to enable us to meet all expenses and to be prepared to meet the new conditions which are almost certain to present themselves to us after the close of the war.

Old Fields.

We deplore that the requests from old congregations, which have been self-sustaining for some years, for support from the missionary treasury are increasing and being recommended by the various districts.

Such congregations should either be prevailed upon to also increase the support of their pastors in accordance with the increased cost of living, or should be united with some other congregation to enable the same to remain self-sustaining.

Meeting of the Districts.

While the arrangement for the time of the meetings of the various districts, which has been in force for some years, enables our worthy General President to visit the districts in succession, this arrangement makes it impossible for the executive, or a representative of the board to attend more than two district meetings within one month, on account of the increasing work at home. In view of this we would request Joint Synod to urge the districts to so arrange the time of the meetings of the mission committees and the consideration of mission matters by the district, that the executive can attend the meetings of the mission

committees and also be present when the mission matters are before the district, in accordance with the suggestion of the board, so that not more than *one* week would be required for the executive, or a representative, to attend *two* district meetings.

Change of Title.

We have been able to save the home mission treasury a large sum of money by securing passes for our traveling missionaries in Canada, by giving them the title of district superintendents of missions, the executive having assumed the title of General Superintendent of Missions in the U. S. A. and in Canada. The railroad companies that are willing to show such courtesies however are guided by their rules which demand that titles acceptable to them be used. Assurance has been given that such courtesies will be continued, and that the executive would also be able to secure passes for himself, if his title would be changed to conform with these requirements, and we suggest, without in the least wanting to change the character and duties of this official, that Joint Synod change the title of the executive officer to that of: General Superintendent of Home Missions of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, within the U. S. A. and Canada.

Elections.

The terms of the Revs. M. R. Walter and Geo. Troutman have expired.

Church Building Fund.

The opportunity of this fund to help mission congregations is demonstrated by the fact that the demands upon this fund for loans without interest and at a low rate of interest, were so many during the past two years, that the Board granted loans to twenty-six congregations to the amount of $39,574.65, of which amount $12,300.00 was borrowed by the fund and loaned out at interest to cover the interest and expenses connected with said loans.

Some missions in the Northwest and Canada must pay as high as 10 per cent interest, and when free loans could not be granted for want of the necessary funds, loans at a low rate of interest afforded the missions quite a relief.

It will be noted that the refunds during the past two years from congregations which had loans, amounted to more than ever before, showing that this money finally is returned to be loaned again to some other needy missions.

Quite a number of requests for loans running from $7,000.00 to $10,000.00 were received. The board in view of the fact that loans to that amount are out of proportion to the income and treasury of this fund, placed itself on record, stating that the limit of a loan to any one congregation should be from $3,000.00 to $4,000.00, and that as a rule, loans should be even much smaller than this amount.

Eighty-six congregations have loans from the fund, which amount to $109,630.36. Twenty-three congregations have made partial payments and ten have refunded the entire or balance of the loan granted them.

The money reported in the treasury, July 1, 1916, will all be paid out by the time this report appears in print.

Church Extension.

If we want to do mission work in our larger cities, it will be necessary that we add to the Church Building Fund the department of Church Extension, which will enable the board to buy lots and build chapels outright as soon as the missionary is placed into the field.

This will require larger sums of money. In such cases the church property is afterwards to be purchased by the congregation at cost price without interest charges up to five years.

Jubilee Fund.

We herewith petition Joint Synod to set aside up to $35,000.00 of the Jubilee Fund for the first year for the use of this board, as it will take about this much to grant the loans which have been asked for and will be asked for during the coming year, and ten per cent of the full amount collected per year for every year thereafter, till the entire sum has been paid into the Church Building Fund treasury.

Strathcona, Alta., Congregation.

This congregation through the special efforts of one man, built a church several years ago without help from the fund. The mortgage given on the church and two dwelling houses has fallen due, and the same is about to be sold to satisfy the mortgagee. On condition that the congregation will give us a satisfactory promise that the same will buy the church within two years, we petition Joint Synod to grant the Church Building Board the privilege to buy this church property at a low price.

In conclusion, with full appreciation of the splendid support our Home Mission work received during the past two years, we would kindly encourage our pastors and congregations to even greater efforts.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

M. R. Walter, *President.*
E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, *Executive.*
D. P. Ebert,
J. J. Allwardt, } *Auditing Committee*
S. A. Stein.
Geo. Troutman.

Columbus, O., July 24, 1916.

The Following Missionaries Are Now On Our List.

Alabama: Elberta, Rev. P. Petersen.

California: Los Angeles, Rev. A. C. Kleinlein; Santa Ana, Rev. C. Linder.

Colorado: Johnstown, Rev. C. Grombach; Longmont, Rev. W. L. Busch; Loveland, Rev. E. C. Sibbersen; Sterling, Rev. A. Busse.

Idaho: Coeur d'Alene, Rev. E. Schneppe; Gifford, Rev. A. F. Graebener.

Indiana: Indianapolis, Rev. L. Fackler; Terre Haute, Rev. C. Reitter.

Iowa: Rockwell City, Rev. F. C. Holz.

Kansas: Bird City, Rev. L. Sittler; Wilson, Rev. F. W. Gahre: Hoisington, Rev. W. Lind.

Louisiana: New Orleans, Rev. C. W. Bachman, Rev. A. F. Schilling.

Maryland: Baltimore, Rev. W. A. Poovey, Rev. H. W. Monesmith; Deerwood, Rev. S. H. Puffenberger; Ellicott City, Rev. G. W. Busch.

Michigan: Detroit, Rev. F. Reuter; South Haven, Rev. F. Ebert; Gladwin, Rev. F. E. Huber.

Minnesota: Crookston, Rev. E. Schimpfky; Mendota, Rev. G. Meyer; Motley, Rev. M. Knoll; West Duluth, Rev. W. Schmidt; Tracy, Rev. E. Rein.

Missouri: Kansas City, Rev. W. E. L. Dowler, Rev. A. Bretthauer.

Montana: Hingham, Rev. L. Brandt, Rev. Theo. Hennigs.

Nebraska: Benkelman, Rev. E. Lehman; Hebron, Rev. C. Dagefoerde; Pierce, Rev. H. Hennigs.

New York: North Tonawanda, Rev. A. Eberbach; New York, Rev. F. H. Meyer.

North Carolina: Taylorsville, Rev. G. A. Derhammer.

North Dakota: Elgin, Rev. Geo. Wolf; Heil, Rev. C. E. Wiedenhoefer; Emmet-Makoti, Rev. J. V. Linsowe; Neche, Rev. A. Heidmann; New England, Rev. Wm. Gevers; Scranton, Rev. H. Leschensky.

Ohio: Cincinnati, Rev. W. F. Benzin; Cleveland, Rev. S. W. Mautz; Dayton, Rev. A. Beck; Martins Ferry, Rev. B. F. Schillinger; Zanesville, Rev. G. A. Uber.

Oregon: Portland, Rev. K. O. Salzmann.

Pennsylvania: Broughton, Rev. C. Meyer; Castle Shannon, Rev. L. O. Burry; East Pittsburgh, Rev. J. Schmalenbach; Grove City, Rev. M. Baseler; Sharon, Rev. J. Zentner.

South Dakota: Cavour, Rev. H. A. F. Kilian.

Texas: Karnes City, Rev. J. Schroeder; Mercedes, Rev. J. Herzig; Nixon, Rev. Chr. Langholz; Orange Grove, Rev. J. A. Rueter; Sinton-Woodsboro, Rev. F. W. Neumeister; Victoria, Rev. P. Ebert; Westhoff, Rev. J. F. Christiansen.

Washington: Castle Rock, Rev. Wm. Rhode; Bellingham, Rev. H. F. W. Meyer; Hillyard, Rev. C. J. E. Lautenschlager; Olympia, Rev. O. W. Reitz; Walla Walla, Rev. A. Minnemann.

Wisconsin: Appleton, Rev. P. W. Nesper; Ephraim, Rev. C. F. Stubenvoll; Fall Creek, Rev. J. M. Johnson; Madison, Rev. J. Ebert; Merrill, Rev. K. Schmidt; Milwaukee, Rev. H. Meyer, Rev. E. F. Schubarth; Tilleda, Rev. E. Stubenvoll; Burlington, Rev. E. Schroeder.

CANADA.

Alberta: Bashaw, Rev. A. Bethmann; Bigger, Rev. A. J. Hoyer; Calgary, Rev. Geo. Stamm; Castor, Rev. A. Scheffler; Edmonton, Rev. K. Berg; Graburn, Rev. W. F. Langholz; Deduc, Rev. K. Raschke; Lethbridge, Rev. C. Grant; Medicine Hat, Rev. E. Hertz; Myleen, Rev. W. Willing; Pashley, Rev. J. Oberhammer; Strathcona, Rev. H. E. Giese; Wetaskivin, Rev. J. Zaetschky; Victor, Rev. G. Daechsel.

British Columbia: Victoria, Rev. O. G. M. Gerbich.

Manitoba: Ashern-Moosehorn, Rev. A. Rink; Brandon, Rev. F. Beer; Winnipeg, Rev. H. W. Kahre, Rev. E. Schiewe, H. Flathmann.

Ontario: Ottawa, Rev. L. Ebinger.

Saskatchewan: Forres, Rev. A. Schormann; Guernsey, Rev. C. H. Kohlmeier; Lakenheath, Rev. F. Roehle; Lampmann, Rev. H. Meyer; LaPorte, Rev. L. Doering; Moose Jaw, Rev. W. Duerkop; Morse, Rev. A. Degen; Rabbit Lake, Rev. O. Becker; Regina, Rev. R. Stelzer; Rosthern, Rev. G. Lenz; Stoughton, Rev. R. Arnsdorf; Yorkton, Rev. E. Meyer.

Following Are the Names of the Fields and Dates When They Became Self-Sustaining.

Names.	*Date.*	*Assuming.*
Youngstown, O., Woodland Ave.	October, 1914	$120 00
Cleveland, O., Hope	January, 1915	460 00
Washington, D. C., St. Matth.	January, 1915	72 00
Orient, S. Dak.	January, 1915	100 00
Saginaw, Mich., Grace	January, 1915	280 00
Mercer, N. Dak.	July, 1916	100 00
Salem, Ore.	July, 1915	250 00
Madison, S. Dak.	July, 1915	200 00
Duval, Sask., Canada	August, 1915	200 00
Schmidt P. O., Sask., Canada	August, 1915	400 00
Claremont, N. C.	January, 1916	100 00
Jansen, Sask., Canada	January, 1916	86 00
Bucyrus, O. (country)	January, 1916	100 00
Salem, Ohio	March, 1916	100 00
Prussia, Sask., Canada	March, 1916	200 00

b. By uniting with neighboring parishes: Gary, S. Dak.; Hancock, Minn.

c. Dropped: Rising Sun, Del.; St. Paul, Minn.

Salaries, Moving and Traveling Expenses Paid to Missionaries.

Names.	*Salaries.*	*Moving Expenses.*	*Traveling Expenses.*
Rev. H. Achtenberg	$33 62	.....	.....
Rev. A. Affeld	177 50	.....	.....
Rev. C. H. Albrecht	162 06	.....	.....
Rev. F. W. Almendinger	126 00	.....	.....
Rev. F. G. Alpers	175 00	.....	.....
Rev. R. Arnsdorf	458 60	.....	.....
Rev. C. W. Bachman	640 20	$246 00	$40 80
Rev. A. Beck	175 00	16 66	.....
Rev. Otto Becker	895 41	.....	.....
Rev. F. Beer	1,091 21	.....	.....
Carl Behrens, Teacher	100 00	.....	.....
Rev. W. F. Benzin	399 88	.....	.....
Rev. Karl Berg	575 82	127 33	.....
Rev. E. Berthold	50 00	.....	.....
Rev. A. Bethmann	761 53	.....	63 00
Rev. Louis Brandt	600 00	.....	20 00
Rev. A. Bretthauer	802 40	85 00	.....
Rev. L. O. Burry	192 42	.....	.....
Rev. W. L. Busch	691 63	.....	.....
Rev. G. W. Busch	474 94	.....	.....
Rev. G. F. Busch	670 49	.....	.....
Rev. H. Brunotte	74 99	.....	.....
Rev. R. M. Carpenter	149 95	.....	.....
Rev. J. F. Christiansen	895 77	.....	.....
Rev. J. Cornils	612 42	.....	.....
Rev. G. Daechsel	374 96	20 00	.....
Rev. C. Dagefoerde	333 23	.....	.....
Rev. F. Damm	554 88	.....	.....
Rev. August Degen	399 99	10 00	.....
Rev. G. A. Derhammer	718 64	.....	.....
Rev. E. A. Dobberstein	1,026 19	.....	15 00
Rev. Leopold Doering	807 13	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Dowler	999 87	.....	.....
Rev. H. Drews	151 42	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Duerkop	976 67	.....	.....
H. C. Dyer, Teacher	450 00	35 00	.....
Rev. A. Eberbach	199 92	.....	.....
Rev. J. Ebert	362 42	.....	.....
Rev. Otto Ebert	71 25	.....	.....
Rev. Paul Ebert	740 00	35 00	.....
Rev. Walter Ebert	183 05	38 12	.....
Rev. F. Ebert	79 58	21 00	.....
Rev. Leo Ebinger	159 12	82 75	.....
Rev. Louis Fackler	25 00	.....	.....

Names.	*Salaries.*	*Moving Expenses.*	*Traveling Expenses.*
Rev. H. Flathmann	491 50	.....	.....
Rev. A. Fricke	227 12	.....	.....
Rev. J. Fritz, for teacher	80 00	.....	19 57
Rev. F. W. Gahre	258 27	287 94	.....
Rev. Geo. Gehrke	1,952 01	.....	.....
Rev. Otto Gerbich	1,276 61	.....	.....
Rev. E. H. Gerfen	166 62	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Gevers	560 33	.....	.....
Rev. Henry Giese	524 27	19 50	36 30
Rev. A. F. Graebener	233 24	.....	.....
Rev. C. Grant	1,653 30	.....	.....
Rev. John Grill	42 55	7 45	.....
Rev. C. Grombach	895 71	115 00	.....
Rev. A. Heidmann	676 63	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Hennig	569 50	.....	.....
Rev. H. Hennigs	600 00	.....	50 00
Rev. Theo. Hennigs	334 49	12 50	.....
Rev. John Herzig	159 98	.....	.....
Rev. Ernst Hertz	748 86	.....	.....
Rev. F. C. Holz	300 00	.....	.....
Rev. D. R. Honn	966 25	.....	.....
Rev. Henry Honebein	258 33	.....	.....
Rev. A. H. Hoyer	100 00	.....	.....
Rev. F. E. Huber	213 59	.....	.....
Rev. Theo. Jaeger	50 00	.....	.....
Rev. J. M. Johnson	247 88	.....	.....
Rev. O. Just	275 00	.....	.....
Rev. J. W. Kahre	402 10	.....	.....
Rev. W. L. Keller	99 96	.....	.....
Rev. H. A. Kilian	349 90	10 00	.....
Rev. E. J. Klamfoth	30 00	.....	.....
Rev. A. Kleinlein	244 92	Los Angeles rent	160 00
Rev. F. J. Klein	116 62	.....	.....
Rev. E. Knaak	668 26	.....	.....
Rev. M. Knoll	1,312 38	.....	.....
Rev. Albert Koehler	564 96	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. Koehler	249 96	.....	.....
Rev. C. H. Kohlmeier	477 62	.....	.....
Rev. John Kroeger, for teacher	850 75	.....	.....
Rev. T. J. Lange	208 30	.....	.....
Rev. Ch. Langholz	460 28	43 82	.....
Rev. W. F. Langholz	100 00	.....	.....
Rev. Theo. Lassen	83 33	.....	.....
Rev. C. Lautenschlager	999 92	171 85	.....
Rev. Emil Lehmann	682 25	197 25	.....
Rev. Alex. Lembke	358 26	5 10	.....

Names.	*Salaries.*	*Moving Expenses.*	*Traveling Expenses.*
Rev. Gust. Lenz	603 00	.....	.....
Rev. Herman Leschensky	167 67	15 18	.....
Rev. W. H. Lind	137 43	.....	20 00
Rev. Carl E. Linder	45 80	79 20	.....
R. Lindner, Teacher	82 50	.....	.....
Rev. John V. Linsowe	715 46	166 14	18 40
Rev. F. Loeb	256 65	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Leveske	842 75	.....	.....
Rev. F. W. Loewenstein	174 96	.....	.....
Rev. B. F. Matter	.....	25 00	.....
Rev. Geo. Matthiae	33 32	.....	.....
Rev. H. Mau	189 54	.....	.....
Rev. S. W. Mautz	533 30	.....	.....
Rev. F. Meineke	263 96	.....	.....
Rev. Henry Meyer	369 55	.....	.....
Rev. Hans Meyer	1,166 58	.....	.....
Rev. Herman Meyer	499 94	.....	.....
Rev. Erich Meyer	421 65	.....	.....
Rev. F. H. Meyer	220 00	.....	.....
Rev. Gustav Meyer	87 50	.....	.....
Rev. Amos E. Minnemann	923 29	.....	.....
Rev. Harry Monesmith	33 33	37 84	.....
Rev. P. W. Nesper	727 00	22 44	.....
Rev. Fred Neumeister	150 00	97 22	.....
Rev. J. Oberhammer	952 68	.....	.....
Rev. A. H. Peffly	139 98	.....	.....
Rev. P. Petersen	999 88	.....	.....
Rev. W. A. Poovey	824 94	.....	.....
Rev. S. H. Puffenberger	365 76	.....	.....
Rev. Karl Rashke	247 50	73 70	.....
Rev. Edw. Rein	285 36	.....	.....
Rev. Carl Reitter	1,077 46	.....	11 10
Rev. Otto Reitz	100 00	.....	.....
Rev. Frank Reuter	312 11	.....	.....
Rev. W. Rhode	385 80	.....	.....
Rev. W. Ridenour	281 92	.....	.....
Rev. A. Rinck	440 79	12 53	.....
Rev. J. Rod	649 92	.....	.....
Rev. F. Roehle	427 37	.....	.....
Rev. J. A. Rueter	1,169 37	.....	.....
Rev. B. E. Rutzky	526 20	135 00	.....
Rev. K. O. Salzmann	649 92	.....	.....
Rev. A. Scheffler	875 82	.....	50 00
Rev. E. Schiewe	882 31	.....	32 90
Rev. A. F. Schilling	100 00	50 00	.....

Names.	*Salaries.*	*Moving Expenses.*	*Traveling Expenses.*
Rev. Paul Schillinger	787 41	.....	.....
Rev. B. F. Schillinger	450 00	.....	.....
Rev. E. Schimpfky	306 66	.....	.....
Rev. C. Schink	175 00	.....	.....
Rev. J. Schmalenbach	506 16	.....	.....
Rev. Wm. Schmidt	823 58	.....	.....
Rev. Karl Schmidt	219 35	.....	.....
Rev. E. Schneppe	511 03	57 97	.....
Rev. A. Schormann	888 55	.....	.....
Rev. J. Schroeder	583 24	.....	.....
Rev. E. Schroeder	74 99	.....	.....
Rev. E. F. Schubarth	425 25	.....	.....
Rev. Sherer, Australia	125 00	.....	.....
Rev. E. C. Sibbersen	823 29	.....	.....
Rev. H. Sievers	419 40	.....	.....
Rev. Louis Sittler	50 00	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. J. Sixt	295 00	.....	.....
Rev. H. Specht	90 00	.....	.....
F. Stall, Teacher	431 25	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. Stamm	1,221 17	142 66	.....
Rev. R. Stelzer	875 50	9 00	21 20
Rev. M. Stricker	.....	.....	10 64
Rev. Emil Stubenvoll	399 88	.....	.....
Rev. C. F. Stubenvoll	191 63	.....	.....
Rev. L. F. Tank	293 36	.....	.....
Rev. L. F. Tank, for teacher	400 00	.....	.....
Rev. O. Tressel	400 00	.....	.....
Rev. G. A. Uber	1,449 84	.....	1 40
Victoria, Tex., cong	.....	for rent	120 00
Rev. A. M. Wagner	229 98	.....	.....
Rev. R. Wegner	237 04	.....	.....
Rev. G. Weiss	254 02	.....	.....
Rev. E. A. Welke	199 92	.....	.....
Rev. Otto Wendel	206 22	.....	.....
Rev. E. C. Widenhoefer	409 92	.....	.....
Rev. W. Willing	757 26	.....	.....
Rev. Geo. Wolf	312 55	.....	.....
Rev. K. Wulff	.....	.....	25 00
Woodland Ave. Youngstown Cong.	30 00	.....	.....
Rev. J. Zaetschky	1,015 38	.....	83 40
Rev. J. Zaetschky, for teacher	200 50	.....	.....
Rev. J. Zentner	199 92	.....	.....
	$79,331 19	$2,511 15	$798 71

Name.	*Salary.*	
C. Althoff	$27 20	
Merton Baseler	11 60	
H. Dohmeier	100 00	
Walter Ebert	74 70	
L. Fackler	37 80	
W. Gevers	20 00	
W. Hauck	10 00	
J. M. Johnson	20 50	
H. Leschensky	31 00	
I. Mansur	26 40	
John Peters	10 00	
Frank Reuter	66 05	
Carl Schmidt	32 80	
M. H. Schulz	35 00	
Geo. Senft	90 00	
L. Sittler	25 00	
Students for Columbus, Ohio, mission	2 25	
		$620 30

SECOND BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Honorable President and Dear Brethren: —

"Clouds and darkness are round about Him." Ps. 97:2. When setting out to write our second report to the Honorable Joint Synod, we are reminded of these words, spoken by the Psalmist when he contemplated the majesty of the kingdom of God.

All know what the fearful world-war has done in commercial and social relations. The Church in her efforts to bring the saving Gospel to all creatures has also suffered in a sad manner and to a great degree.

Our Efforts at Sending Men.

As the brethren surely remember, Rev. Jesse P. Pflueger was, at the time of the last meeting of the Joint Synod, tarrying in Germany, preparatory to going to India. By the declaration and development of the war he was kept from reaching his goal. After waiting vainly for several months, it was deemed best to call Rev. Pflueger back to the United States. He arrived here August 6th, 1915. Efforts were at once made to have him go to India over the Pacific Ocean. Difficulty being encountered in getting passage for him and his family, he for some time filled the vacant pulpit at Ironton, Ohio. In the meanwhile the Board called several other men with a view of sending a second man with Rev. Pflueger. These efforts were at last crowned with success when Student William F. Schmidt, of Capital University, accepted the call. After this Brother had been ordained in his home congregation at

Sandusky, Ohio, he was, on the fifth of December, 1915, commissioned as our missionary in Trinity Church, Columbus, Ohio. On the seventh day of December the brethren started on their long journey. The Board had secured proper passports at Washington and had provided other means of identification, even writing to the Governor of Madras, and having the passports of the brethren vised by the British Consul at Seattle, Wash. All was done that could be done to insure the admittance of the men into India. The brethren were due at Colombo on the twenty-sixth day of January, 1916. Not receiving the word agreed upon from them for some time, the Board sent a cablegram to the American Consul at Colombo, February the twenty-second, asking: "Has Pflueger reached Puttur?" This elicited the following reply: "India telegraphs final refusal to admit Pflueger, Schmidt. Must leave Ceylon. Awaiting your instructions regarding their destination." The Board set about to interest the Department of State at Washington. Rev. J. E. A. Doermann, acting for the Board, was aided by Senator Grona. The Government assured the Board that it would do all in its power to secure a reversal of the order excluding our missionaries from India. We were assured, however, also that it would take some time before a definite answer could be returned. On May the twenty-ninth, 1916, we were informed that "The Government of India regrets that they are unable to admit to India the missionaries Pflueger and Schmidt. When our Government cabled to London: 'Has decision of Governor of India excluding Pflueger and Schmidt been finally approved by authorities in London?' the American Ambassador reported in the affirmative." Before we had received a final reply, on April the seventeenth, the Board had sent a letter to the Governor of Madras, stating the fact that we had called two American-born Americans, that we are in no degree under the control of Hermannsburg or any other German Mission Society, and that our property and work in the schools and Leper Asylum must suffer, if we are not able to get any of our men into India to look after matters. On the nineteenth of June, word was received that this letter had been received and had been laid before the proper Department of the Government. On the 22d of July, 1916, the following letter was received:

OOTACAMUND, the 10th June, 1916.

SIR. — In reply to your letter, dated the 3d April, 1916, addressed to His Excellency, the Governor of Madras, in which you request modification of the orders refusing permission to the Reverend J. P. Pflueger and the Reverend W. F. Schmidt to enter India, I am directed to state that the presence of the two missionaries in India is considered undesirable at the present juncture, and to express the regret of His Excellency the Governor in Council that he is unable to modify his decision.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. H. CANTNER,
For Chief Secretary S. M. S.

The Repatriating of the German Missionaries.

While the Board was doing all in its power to get missionaries to India from America, the British Government found it advisable to remove all the German missionaries from India. This, of course, included the two faithful and highly successful men, Rev. J. N. Wittmann and Rev. John Maneke, who have been laboring at Kodur and Puttur. They left India in December, 1915, arriving in Germany some time in January, 1916. Rev. C. Scriba, an Anglo-Indian, was the only missionary left to look after the stations of the Hermannsburg Mission and also our own.

The Effort to Keep the Field in India for the Lutheran Church.

Our Board was asked by the authorities of the Hermannsburg Mission to take over the stations and the property of the Hermannsburg Society, making Rev. C. Scriba our acting Secretary. This could not be done, since the Government in India would not consent to such an arrangement. When Reverends Wittmann and Maneke had been repatriated, the Mission of the Honorable General Council sent Rev. Karl L. Wolters to visit Kodur and Puttur, there to meet our two missionaries who were expected to arrive shortly. When it became evident that Rev. Scriba would not be recognized by the Government, and that Rev. Pflueger and Rev. Schmidt were being detained at Colombo, Rev. Scriba cabled, suggesting the appointment of Rev. Wolters as acting Secretary. With the kindly sanction of the Board of the General Council this was done. The Government has since sanctioned the appointment of Rev. Wolters. He is thus at present at no little sacrifice acting as Secretary, we would say as Superintendent, of the whole field formerly held by Hermannsburg and also the field belonging to our Synod. Rev. C. Scriba is helping him as much as he can under his restricted privileges. Rev. Spangler of the General Synod had been looking after the Industrial School of the Hermannsburg Mission already before the German missionaries were taken away. He is still rendering that service. By this arrangement we hope to have saved this mission field for the Lutheran Church, and we hope for our Synod.

Government Recognition of our Schools and Government Grants For the Same.

The Government had withdrawn its recognition and its grants from all of the schools of the Hermannsburg Mission and also from our own. To have these restored a committee had been appointed by the Government. This committee consisted of English gentlemen, and was put under obligation to guarantee loyalty in the schools. When the Government recognized the appointment of Rev. Wolters as our acting Secretary, it, at the same time, ordered that all grants for the past year should be paid to Rev. Wolters. The formal transfer of the property of the Hermannsburg Mission is going on at present. Rev. C. Scriba is furnishing the lists asked for by the Government.

The Native Pastors, Evangelists, Catechists and Teachers.

The native mission workers are all at work yet, and are doing all in their power to hold and carry on the work. Services are being held regularly. Religious instructions are being given in the schools as before. The catechist at the Leper Asylum, himself a leper, is doing what he can for the sick by rendering such medical aid as he has been enabled to do by his association with Rev. Wittmann.

Arrangements to Supply the Wants of the German Missions.

In India a movement was started among the neutral missions to supply the necessary means to carry on the work in the German fields. Accordingly the Church of Sweden Mission is expected to care for the field of the Leipzig Mission; the General Council is to care for the Breklum Mission; the General Synod is to care for the Gossner Mission; the Joint Synod of Ohio is to care for the Hermannsburg Mission. A circular letter has been sent out to all Lutheran pastors, asking them to help in raising the necessary funds to carry out the plan. At least $500.00 a month are needed to meet the expenses in the Hermannsburg field. This sum does not include the money needed for our own stations.

Our Finances.

From the beginning of the war we have remitted all moneys to India through the kindly offices of the treasurers of the General Council and of the General Synod. Our Board has also sent money at the direction of the Hermannsburg authorities for the support of the Hermannsburg work. Besides using the money still due on the stations bought from Hermannsburg, a bequest of nearly $5,000.00, left for Hermannsburg by a member of one of our congregations in Pittsburg, was turned over to our treasurer by the authorities in Hermannsburg. These sums together with the extra contributions sent by our people in response to our appeals have sufficed to meet the expenses thus far. January 1st, 1916, Rev. C. Scriba sent a financial report for the year 1915. From this it appears that there was then in the treasury for the work of our Synod, Rupees 15,888, or $5,296; for the Hermannsburg work, Rupees 20,406, or $6,802. These sums include, however, no doubt, the money held back during the time in which the question concerning the schools was not yet decided. While all the German mission workers have been removed from India, and thus from the payroll, there remain all of the native workers to be paid. Some arrangements must also be made to reimburse the Honorable General Council and General Synod for the time spent in our work by the Reverends Spangler and Wolters. Of course, the Board had to take care of the Brethren Pflueger and Schmidt in Colombo. A detailed financial report is added by our Treasurer.

What Can and Should Be Done By Us for India.

Rev. Wolters has very kindly and considerately deferred his furlough in order to be able to serve in a double capacity in India, if need

be, until peace has been restored and matters in the mission fields have been rearranged. Though we have not had any direct communication from Rev. Spangler, he no doubt is ready to do the same. How much Rev. C. Scriba will be able to do under the prevailing conditions remains to be seen. Thus the whole field is waiting for us to secure permanent American missionaries according to the requirements set by the British Government. The Board has been doing what it could to get some men who could be sent. It has thus far not issued any calls, but is ready to do so.

The term of office of the members of the Board are as follows:

	Term expires.
Prof. E. Pfeiffer, D. D.	1918
Mr. Wm. Altman	1918
Prof. K. Hemminghaus	1916
Mr. Geo. L. Conrad	1916
Rev. J. H. Schneider	1920

The term of office of Prof. Hemminghaus and Mr. Conrad has accordingly expired.

EDWARD PFEIFFER, *President,*
J. H. SCHNEIDER, *Secretary.*

NEGRO MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We take pleasure in reporting that with the Lord's blessing we have had two years of unusual and gratifying progress. The expectations of soon securing visible results, mentioned in our last report, have been fulfilled.

Our two Maryland missions have enjoyed a steady growth. St. Philip's Congregation, the membership of which has for many years been about 30 communicants, has doubled in size and its Sunday-school has increased in greater proportion. In the country mission, 12 members have been confirmed and during the last winter the school attained an enrollment of 38. In both places adults receiving instructions and in a few months we expect to have a combined membership of 100. These accessions represent an intelligent constituency which is loyal to the Lutheran Church and its doctrine.

Our chief need has hitherto been that of workers. In this respect also some progress has been made. Through circulars sent to all our pastors, we were enabled to secure two students from Canada. A third was found in Baltimore. These men are all British subjects. After another year spent in practical work in charge of our schools they ought to be ready for ordination. A Presbyterian minister is an applicant for membership in our Synod and two boys desire beneficiary aid.

We have at last been enabled to carry out a long cherished project by starting work in the South. After investigating the region roughly

embraced in a triangle formed by Baltimore, Charleston and New Orleans, our superintendent recommended the Southern parts of Alabama and Mississippi as the best mission field. This territory was not only the most neglected in many ways, but here the people seemed more anxious for improvement, and in addition this whole section was, at that time, quite distant from the colored work of the Synodical Conference.

In. Nov. 1915, student Braxton was ordained and immediately sent to Jackson, Miss. He first tried to secure a church property which was for sale, but he met with unexpected delay owing to the unwarranted increase in the price. It has however been recently purchased and the title has been secured in the name of the Joint Synod of Ohio. This building, 24 x 48 feet, with a tower, is well located in the best colored section of the city and with the expenditure of about $200.00 can be repaired and furnished for school and church purposes. While thus delayed, Rev. Braxton rented and equipped a building in one of the poorer suburbs of Jackson, where he has been teaching, catechizing and preaching. He has at present a summer school with 32 pupils.

In Alabama our efforts have been confined to one school of about 100 members at Prattville, near Montgomery. Our only expense thus far has been the cost of the catechisms and Bible Histories, which were used for instruction.

After many years of discouragement and delay we have now arrived at a new stage in our history. We have the workers and the field; and we hope that we will be sustained in our effort to take advantage of our present opportunities by prosecuting our work in a much more vigorous manner. We desire to erect as soon as possible two-room schools both in Prattville and Montgomery, Ala. We also want to begin work in Meridian, Miss. We estimate that $6,000.00 will be needed for building purposes and recommend that our annual appropriation be raised from $2,000.00 to $8,000.00.

The terms of office of Rev. J. F. Mueller, resigned, and Mr. John Gunkel expire at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by authority of the Board,

JOHN J. DOBLER, *Acting President.*
C. F. WM. HARTLAGE, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your Board on publication matters herewith submits its seventeenth biennial report.

1. Organization and Officers. The Board elected at the convention of synod in 1914 met September 29, 1914, and organized by electing Dr. E. Pfeiffer as chairman, Rev. C. C. Hein as secretary, and the chairman, the secretary and Rev. J. Sheatsley as Executive Committee. The Board also elected the Literature Committee as follows:

Dr. E. Pfeiffer chairman, and Prof. C. B. Gohdes secretary, to serve 4 years, the Revs. A. C. Schiff and C. C. Hein to serve 2 years.

2. Editors. Rev. W. N. Harley whom synod elected editor-in-chief of the Lutheran Standard at its convention in 1914 refused to accept the office. Your Board appointed Rev. J. Sheatsley in his place. Rev. C. Bachman resigned as news editor of the same periodical. Rev. H. J. Melcher was appointed in his place. Dr. Theo. Mees tendered his resignation as editor of the Magazine section of the Zeitblätter-Magazine. Dr. Geo. H. Schodde was appointed as his successor. Rev. J. F. C. Soller resigned as editor of the Kinderfreude. The Board appointed Rev. F. J. Schellhase in his place.

3. Profits of the Book Concern. By examining the financial reports of the manager you will find that the net profits of the year 1914-1915 were $20,922.63, and of the year 1915-1916 $30.975. a total of $51,898.18, a remarkable showing indeed, especially if you take in consideration that, because of the present war, the sale of imported books suffered considerably. Again, while most of the publishing houses were compelled to advance prices because of the advanced prices of labor and material, the Concern has so far maintained its former prices. God has blessed this branch of our work; let us render thanks unto Him.

During the last two years the Concern paid the following amounts to the different institutions of synod, to-wit: German Professorship of Capial University $3,000; General Institution Treasury $10,000; Board of Aids $10,000; Home Mission Board $5,000; Literature Committee $1,000, a total of $29,000. In this conection we desire to call attention to the fact that our profits would be much higher if all our pastors, teachers, and congregations would buy their church, Sunday-school and choir supplies from the Concern. Loyalty to synod ought to prompt them to patronize synod's publication house. Remember that its profits are used in the service of our own church.

4. Accounts Receivable. June 1, 1915, the accounts receivable amounted to $34,235.28; June 1, 1916, to $33,913 70, in both years they exceeded the net profits. This is a sad state of affairs, especially if we take in consideration that the majority of our patrons consists of pastors, teachers, and congregations. Some of them seem to forget that St. Paul says, Owe no man anything. In view of the conditions, the Board adopted the following rules which are herewith submitted to synod for approval to wit:

a) As a rule all accounts should be paid within 60 days.

b) If an account has not been paid within 6 months without satisfactory reasons, the management must insist on prompt settlement.

c) Pastors, teachers, and congregations owing accounts of more than one year's standing, must be reported to their respective district presidents whose duty it shall be to admonish the delinquents.

d) If a delinquent fails to settle his account the management should place it in the hands of an attorney for collection.

5. Tracts. The report of the Literature Committee shows that during the last two years about 250,000 tracts were printed, and about 215,000 sold, about 80,000 more than during the two preceding years.

While some of our pastors and congregations show an active interest in this work, many still fail to take part in the distribution of tracts. Brethren, we plead for your co-operation! Inasmuch as the report of the Treasurer of the Literature Committee shows a balance of $864.01 in the treasury we need not ask Synod for an appropriation to carry on this work during the next two years.

6. Periodicals.

a) *Kirchenzeitung and Standard.* Last fall your Board inaugurated a campaign to increase the subscription lists both of the *Kirchenzeitung* and the *Lutheran Standard.* The results were most gratifying, 1,552 subscribers being added to the *Kirchenzeitung,* and 2,176 to the *Standard.* If all our pastors and all our congregations would have taken part in this work the number of new subscribers would have been still greater. In order to retain our present readers and to obtain a still larger circulation for our periodicals, the Board instructed the manager to send a communication to the presidents of the districts requesting the latter to devote some time to the discussion of this matter so important to our congregations and the church at large. The Board also decided to inaugurate another campaign similar to the campaign of last year and to begin during the week following the Sunday, November 12. Brethren, let it be our aim, A LUTHERAN PAPER IN EVERY LUTHERAN HOME BY 1917.

b) *Zeitblaetter - Magazine.* During the last year we published this periodical at a loss of $141.32, and with a subscription list of 267. In view of these facts and past experiences we wish to ask, Are we justified in continuing this publication?

c) *Lutheran Youth.* This excellent publication is finally self-supporting, the number of subscribers having increased constantly. Being firmly convinced that the *Youth* is the best Lutheran periodical published for the youth of our church, we would request Synod to urge our pastors and congregations to place the *weekly* edition of this paper into the hands of all their young people.

d) *Kinderfreude.* If all our German pastors and congregations would place this paper into the hands of their children, thus increasing the number of subscribers, the Board would be in a position to improve this paper.

7. Sunday-school Lessons. At its last meeting, synod instructed the Board to confer with other Lutheran synods respecting a uniform system of graded Sunday-school lessons, and to report the result of such conferences at this meeting. In accordance with the resolutions of synod two meetings with representatives of other Lutheran synods were held. At this time, however, nothing definite can be submitted to Synod.

8. Winnipeg Branch. At its last meeting, synod granted the Board permission to buy one or more lots in Winnipeg or Regina, and

to erect a building. We wish to report that, because of present conditions, the Board did not deem it advisable to acquire property in Canada.

9. History of the Lutheran Church in America. In 1912, synod instructed the Board to publish a history of the Lutheran Church in America (1912, p. 188). The Board finds that in recent years a number of good books on this subject have been placed on the market, and as in spite of all attempts it did not succeed in securing an author to prepare the manuscript, it suggests to synod to rescind its action.

10. Institution Catalogues. After due consideration your Board suggests that the publication of the General Institution catalogue be discontinued, and that wherever possible the catalogue of an institution be published in one language only.

11. Lesson Leaves. The Board wishes to report that by this fall the Concern will be in a position to furnish every Sunday-school with lessons for every grade. The old series of lessons have been revised, and new series have been added.

12. A Sunday-school Literature Editor. After due consideration your Board requests synod to create the office of an editor and supervisor of all Sunday-school literature, and combine, at present, the editorship-in-chief of the Lutheran Standard with this office.

13. Missionary Journal for Women. The officers of the Women's Missionary Conference have asked the Board's opinion as to the advisability of publishing a missionary monthly for women in conjunction with the General Council, the General Synod, and the United Synod of the South. The Board recommends to synod to grant this conference permission to join said movement, under the following conditions:

a) That nothing contrary to the confessions of the Lutheran Church be published in this journal.

b) That the Board be appointed an advisory committee to make suggestions to the Women's Conference as to the representation of Joint Synod on the editorial staff.

c) That the rules and regulations governing the publication of the proposed journal, to be adopted by a committee consisting of members of the different synodical bodies interested in this movement, be submitted to the Publication Board for approval.

14. Missionary Journal for Young People. The officers of the same conference also requested the Board's opinion regarding the publication of a monthly missionary journal for young people in conjunction with the synods mentioned above. The Board does not favor the publication of a separate journal of this kind but suggests that the editors of the proposed magazine for women keep the needs for our young people in mind, or add a juvenile department.

15. Statistician. Rev. A. G. Bergener resigned as statistician of synod, and Dr. C. Ackermann was appointed in his place. For reasons which the Board wishes to submit orally, we petition synod to make the office of statistician an appointive, instead of an elective office, and authorize the Board to make the appointment.

16. Publications. If so desired, the manager will submit an oral report regarding publications issued during the last two years, and publications to be issued.

17. Elections. The following elections are necessary: Editors and associate editors of the Zeitblätter-Magazine, Kirchenzeitung, Standard, Kinderfreude, Lutheran Youth; members of the Publication Board to succeed Dr. E. Pfeiffer, Rev. C. W. Pflueger, and Prof. F. C. Mayer, each for a term of six years.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Hein, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.

TREASURY REPORT.

Pastor J. A. Schulze Legacy: Receipts to date, $1,655.42. Expenditures by annuity, taxes, improvements and repairs, $1,731.83. Deficit, $76.45. Invested funds, $900.00.

Austin Cooperrider Estate: Receipts to date, $38,083.97. Expenditures, $37,494.69. On hand, $589.28. Note: The interest of this fund is paid into the Church Building Board Treas. Present investments, $22,400.00.

U. Fink: By the death of this brother the annuity of interest has ceased, and the capital of $3,000.00 is invested for the benefit of Cap. Univ. Balance on hand, $120.00.

Mission in Persia: Total receipts, $1,723.00. Invested, $1,650. On hand, $73.00.

Jewish Mission: Received on $2,500.00 investments, $557.98. To mission work in Winnipeg, $400.00. Balance, $157.98.

Sale of Hickory Property: Investments, $3,145.00. Cash on hand, $99.34. (Consult Bro. Schramm's report.)

Foreign Mission: Langenhopp and Preyer Funds: Invested, $1,450.00. Receipts on same, etc., and on hand, $228.55.

Mrs. Sylvester Smith: Annuity $3,000.00. Cash balance, $45.00.

G. D. Simen Legacy: Two payments on $60,000.00. Executors' note, $4,800.00, distributed as follows: Treas. Theol. Sem., Columbus, $1,600.00; Treas. Stellhorn for mission work, $1,200.00; Board of Aids, $400.00; Indigent Students Treas. Cap. University, $400.00; Negro Mission, $400.00; Luther Sem., St. Paul, $800.00.

Per sale of half interest in Lisbon property, congregation defunct, net $493.66. Paid over to Church Building Board Treasurer.

Balance on loan to Melville, $19.75 on hand.

Audited and found correct, July 28, 1916.

G. C. Horst,
O. M. Spielman.

Resp. submitted,

C. H. L. Schuette,
Chairman and Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY.

June 10, 1914, to June 1, 1916.

Receipts.

	1914–1915	1915–1916	
Balance in Treasury, June 10, 1914			$1,081 96
General Treasurer	$12,500 00	$11,200 00	
Student dues	8,683 38	11,335 17	
Interest	3,424 64	3,974 89	
Gas	128 75	120 25	
Rent	103 72	33 00	
Miscellaneous	42 85	118 37	
	$24,883 34	$26,781 68	$51,665 02
Total receipts, including balance			$52,746 98

Expenditures.

	1914–1915	1915–1916
Salaries for teaching	$15,595 50	$17,085 00
Janitor service	780 00	1,345 00
Treasurer	200 00	277 00
Registrar	.....	50 00
Secretary of Board	25 00	25 00
Assistant to President	57 30	85 20
College activities	1,140 00	1,380 00
Labor and hauling	161 62	251 27
Improvements	1,089 74	739 78
Repairs	310 10	137 63
Supplies	441 42	545 61
Postage and printing	183 26	206 03
Moving and traveling expenses	263 35	51 53
Fuel	1,218 50	1,371 15
Water service	232 48	289 26
Electric current	36 62	51 30
Telephone	71 21	111 46
Insurance	122 62	226 96
Taxes	99 80	149 39
Library	81 32	83 22

Heating plant	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Refunds	48 75	147 15	
Miscellaneous	228 80	195 27	
	$24,387 39	$26,804 21	
Total expenditures			$51,191 60
Balance in treasury, June 1, 1916			$1,555 38

Endowment Funds.

Aggregate capital value of scholarships	$91,000 00	
Permanent funds, other than scholarships	54,534 00	
Total productive funds		$145,534 00

Debts.

Heating plant	$8,200 00	
Library Building	3,179 57	
Street improvement	501 91	
Total debt		$11,881 48

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. SINGER, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct.

C. F. MAYER,
HERMAN J. BENZIN,
CARL ACKERMANN,
Auditing Committee.

Columbus, July 14, 1915.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, for the Year of December 5, 1914, to December 5, 1915.

Inventory of Endowments.

The Baughman Fund	$28,000 00
The Birch Fund	100 00
The Miller Fund	100 00
The Finke Fund	200 00
The Hueseman Fund	500 00
The Anspagh Fund	1,500 00

The Kettering Fund	500 00
The N. N. Fund	1,000 00
The Zies Fund	4,750 00
Interest Fund ($1,000.00 added in 1915)	4,250 00
Total	$40,000 00

Their Investments.

1.	Three (3) notes of Joint Synod	$400 00
2.	F. W. Erlenbach, mortgage loan	1,000 00
3.	Philip Hecht, mortgage loan	1,800 00
4.	Louise Storck, mortgage loan	3,500 00
5.	Zion's Congregation, Canton, O., mortgage loan	8,000 00
6.	Thomas Buirt, mortgage loan	3,000 00
7.	St. John's Congregation, Piqua, O., mortgage loan	5,000 00
8.	The Church Building Board, two (2) notes	8,000 00
9.	William Stegeman, mortgage loan	2,300 00
10.	Mutual Home & Savings Association	1,500 00
11.	John Lerch, mortgage loan	4,000 00
12.	Germania Building Association, three certificates	2,400 00
	Total	$40,900 00

Investments Collected During the Year.

Dec. 28, 1914.	Martin Luther Congr., Canton, O.	$1,000 00
May 10, 1915.	Emanuel Bowser	3,700 00
May 15, 1915.	William Stegeman	400 00
Nov. 3, 1915.	Martin Luther Congr., Canton, O.	3,000 00
Nov. 13, 1915.	William Stegeman	300 00
Nov. 30, 1915.	From interest account	1,000 00
	Total	$9,400 00

Investments Made During the Year.

Dec. 31, 1914.	For paid-up stock, Germania building	$1,000 00
June 12, 1915.	John Lerch, mortgage loan	4,000 00
Nov. 8, 1915.	Loan to Home Mission Board, bldg. fund	3,000 00
Dec. 1, 1915.	Paid-up stock, Germania Bldg. Assn	1,400 00
	Total	$9,400 00

Cash Receipts During the Year Dec. 5, 1914, to Dec. 5, 1915.

Dec. 5, 1914.	Cash balance	$428 52
Dec. 7, 1914.	Interest from all funds	2,753 50
	Total	$3,182 02

Expenditures During the Year December 5, 1914, to December 5, 1915.

Dec. 9, 1914.	To E. A. Boehme (Lehmann's Monument)..	$2 50
Dec. 1914 to Dec. 1915.	Salary of Dr. Stellhorn.....	1,600 00
Feb. 3, 1915.	Salary to Treasurer.....	25 00
April 30, and Nov. 10, 1915.	Interest on annuity note.....	50 00
June 12, 1915.	Recording of mortgage.....	1 00
Sept. 14, 1915.	For safe deposit box.....	2 00
Dec. 1, 1915.	Transferred to Interest Fund.....	1,000 00
Dec. 5, 1915.	Cash on hand.....	501 52
Total	.....	$3,182 02

Library Account.

RECEIPTS.

Dec. 11, 1914.	From S. A. Singer, Treas. Cap. Univ.....	$200 73
Feb. 3, 1914, to Dec. 5, 1915.	From various congregations.....	87 00
Total	.....	$287 73

EXPENDITURES.

Dec, 5, 1914, to Dec. 5, 1915.	For books	$167 60
Dec. 5, 1915.	Cash on hand.....	120 13
Total	.....	$287 73

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. HECHT, *Treasurer.*

Audited this 5th day of December, 1915.

HERMAN ROGGE,
G. A. LANGE,
J. C. TRUMP,
Auditing Committee.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF LUTHER SEMINARY.

From July 1, 1914, to September 1, 1915.

July 1, 1914, in treasury.....	$619 84
Appropriation	9,720 85
Interest on Simen estate.....	400 00
Gifts	55 00
Rent of professors' residences.....	675 00
Collected from students.....	2,588 55

Telephone	3 86	
Miscellaneous	100 00	
Electric light for professors' residences	42 31	
Loans	4,300 00	
Total income		$18,505 41
Salaries of professors	$7,750 00	
Salary of engineer	150 00	
Salary of janitor	260 00	
Salary of physical director	100 00	
Salary of musical instructor	180 00	
Salary of treasurer	80 00	
Telephone	66 97	
Electric light	435 78	
Water rent	33 74	
Interest	923 63	
Library	100 00	
Stationery, stamps, etc.	24 73	
Supplies	97 26	
Improvements and repairs	1,621 78	
Labor	141 20	
Fuel	977 51	
Student money returned	12 00	
Taxes	610 50	
Loans paid	3,800 00	
Insurance	190 08	
New building fund	400 00	
Moving expenses	91 25	
Miscellaneous	322 72	
Total expended		$18,369 15
Balance in treasury Sept. 1, 1915		$136 26

J. CORNILS, *Treasurer.*

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES OF LUTHER SEMINARY.

From September 1, 1915, to July 1, 1916.

Balance in treasury September 1, 1915		$136 26
Appropriation	$10,000 00	
Collections	93 22	
Interest on Simen legacy	400 00	
From students	3,053 85	
Loans	4,100 00	
Rent professors' residences	600 00	
Light professors' residences	50 14	
For indigent students	100 00	

Refunded on sewer assessment	199 22	
Miscellaneous	67 83	
Total Income		$18,664 26
Total		$18,800 52

Expenditures.

Salaries of professors	$9,000 00	
Salary of music instructor	200 00	
Salary of physical director	100 00	
Salary of janitor	247 50	
Salary of engineer	150 00	
Salary of treasurers	120 00	
Loans	3,166 69	
Interest	540 91	
Repairs and improvements	1,570 49	
Taxes	140 95	
Fuel	1,172 78	
Light	317 73	
Water rent	58 14	
Telephone	46 32	
Supplies	217 67	
Stationery, etc.	7 41	
Library	204 50	
Labor	68 85	
Insurance	35 40	
Furniture	20 80	
New building fund	400 00	
Refunded to student	10 00	
Miscellaneous	62 77	
Total expenditures		$17,858 91
Balance on hand July 1, 1916		$941 61

G. C. GAST, *Treasurer.*

N. B.—Out of this cash balance of $941.61 there are to be paid during July and August $395.00 interest as well as $600.00 or more for the installation of a bed-room on the third floor of the Lecture Hall.

Necessary for the Next Biennium.

Salaries of seven professors	$18,600 00
Salary of assistant professor	500 00
Salary of janitor	1,000 00
Salary of music instructor	400 00
Salary of physical director	200 00

Salary of treasurer		200 00
Water rent		125 00
Light		600 00
Telephone		96 00
Fuel		2,200 00
Library		200 00
Interest		1,500 00
Repairs		600 00
Taxes		500 00
Supplies		300 00
Labor		100 00
Stationery, printing, etc.		200 00
Total		$27,321 00
Amount to be collected:		
From students	$5,000 00	
Rent	1,200 00	
		$6,200 00
Appropriation requested		$21,121 00

G. C. GAST, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF LUTHER SEMINARY BOARD OF SPECIAL EXPENDITURES FOR TOILETS AND BATHS IN DORMITORY.

Toilets and baths in dormitory, including sewer connections for all buildings	$2,250 00
Toilet and bath for kitchen help	85 00
Connecting drain pipes with sewer	25 00
Standpipes and hose on three floors	215 00
Grease trap in kitchen	45 00
Total	$2,620 00
Borrowed by Board for above	$2,600 00

GEO. DIEMER,
WM. VON FISCHER,
A. C. ERNST,
Executive Committee.

St. Paul, Minn., July 12th, 1916.

WOODVILLE NORMAL

Treasurer's Report, July 22, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 22, 1914	$718 47	
General Treasurer	10,100 00	
General Treasurer (water works)	1,000 00	
Students	4,822 50	
Rent for Normal Hall	172 00	
Diplomas	23 00	
Proceeds of Commencement 1916	261 04	
Proceeds of Entertainments	109 24	
Ladies' Society of Solomon's Congregation	50 00	
Unclassified sources	96 01	
		$17,352 26

EXPENDITURES.

A. Salaries paid to June 1, 1916:		
Dir. K. Hemminghaus	$2,535 00	
Prof. C. Robinson	2,100 00	
Prof. F. Assenheimer	2,100 00	
Prof. G. Allwardt	2,100 00	
Prof. F. Mayer	2,080 00	
Prof. C. Vogel	480 00	
		$11,395 00
B. Miscellaneous Expenditures:		
Coal	$993 40	
Moving expenses (Prof. Mayer)	67 30	
Repairing of furnace and radiators	525 00	
Painting of dormitory	265 00	
Interest	65 00	
Moving of organ and repair work	274 85	
Tuning of pianos and repair work	164 30	
Cleaning of vaults	120 60	
To Prof. Robinson (water works)	1,000 00	
Papering, painting, varnishing	215 75	
Insurance	110 40	
Janitor work	311 00	
To students for work	333 45	
Music	81 15	
Bedsteads, mattresses, tables and chairs	156 25	
Cement walk and work	105 00	
Motor current and light	241 95	
Hardware	53 14	
Electrical work	98 82	
Disinfectants	17 00	
Taxes	57 59	

Laboratory	17 40	
Telephone	28 02	
Draying and express	27 38	
Dust down	16 00	
Traveling expenses of professors in interest of school and to conferences	39 60	
Rug for reception room	27 00	
Shades and school supplies	41 71	
Leveling the campus and gravel	35 20	
Traveling expenses of speakers at commencement	12 00	
Carpenter and lumber	39 66	
Printing, stationery and stamps	32 20	
Unclassified	90 15	
		$17,058 27
Balance, July 1, 1916		$293 99

Woodville Normal Legacies.

RECEIPTS.

a. Kemper Fund ($1,000)	$100 00	
b. Mrs. Rudolph's Fund ($1,900)	190 00	
c. Mr. Christ Zies' Fund ($1,900)	.....	
		$290 00

EXPENDITURES.

To treasurer of Woodville Normal	$100 00	
To treasurer of Woodville Normal	190 00	
		$290 00

Respectfully submitted,
K. HEMMINGHAUS, *Treas.*

Boarding House.

RECEIPTS.

In treasury	$123 50	
Rent	260 00	
		$383 50

EXPENDITURES.

Interest	$168 05	
		$168 05
In treasury		$215 45

Audited and found correct, July 29, 1916.

C. C. ROBINSON,
C. VOGEL,
F. E. ASSENHEIMER,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON THE NORMAL BUILDING FUNDS.

Receipts.

1915			
June 2.	Cash from Wm. Unger, Architect....	$61 53	
Aug. 6.	Cash from Woodville Light Board....	30 00	
June 21.	Cash from Teacher Lauchner to date..	250 18	
Nov. 13.	Cash from Prof. Vogel to date.....	209 75	
1916			
Feb. 10.	Cash from Board of Aids (borrowed on notes)	4,500 00	
July 24.	Cash from Dir. K. Hemminghaus to date	11,061 57	
			$16,113 03
1916			
July 24.	Balance		$12 41

Normal Hall.

1914			
Nov. 21.	To Wm. Molkenbur, Builder.....	$3,257 53	
Dec. 22.	To Wm. Molkenbur, Builder.....	3,171 78	
1915			
April 2.	To Wm. Molkenbur, Builder.....	765 00	
June 10.	To Wm. Molkenbur, Builder.....	1,100 00	
June 21.	To Wm. Molkenbur, Builder.....	1,000 00	
Oct. 23.	To Wm. Molkenbur, Builder.....	268 67	
July 7.	To Western Manufacturing Co., for Wm. Molkenbur	800 00	
Sept. 11.	To Western Manufacturing Co., for Wm. Molkenbur	100 00	
Sept. 18.	To Western Manufacturing Co., for Wm. Molkenbur	100 00	
Dec. 9.	To Western Manufacturing Co., for Wm. Molkenbur	43 95	
			$10,606 93
Dec. 9.	To Western Manufacturing Co., for screens.....		50 50
Dec. 9.	To Western Manufacturing Co., for basketball boards		19 65
1914			
Nov. 11.	To Wm. Unger, Architect.....	$263 30	
Nov. 20.	To Wm. Unger, Architect.....	81 43	
Dec. 22.	To Wm. Unger, Architect.....	79 29	
1915			
April 17.	To Wm. Unger, Architect.....	19 12	
June 21.	To Wm. Unger, Architect.....	83 43	
			526 57
	To La France Electrical Cons. Co.		
Aug. 16.	Account in full to date.....		$500 09

1914			
Nov. 21.	To J. J. Ballmer for expenses.....		2 10
Dec. 8.	To Woodville News Co. for programs.		4 00
1915			
July 1.	To F. W. Warnke for plumbing.....		67 00
July 2.	To Doepher-Kaemming Co., per bill..		38 35
July 7.	To Woodville Light Plant for bulbs...		12 72
Aug. 21.	L. H. Hartman, insurance.....		135 00
Oct. 18.	To H. Nieman, for chairs, in full to date		341 62
Dec. 4.	To Washington Building & Lime Co., for brick		5 00
1916			
Feb. 10.	To J. F. Nieman, Treas. Board of Aids, interest		100 00
Feb. 10.	To Woodville Savings Bank Co., interest		11 00
Feb. 19.	To Am. Warming & Ventilating Co., in full.....		1,500 00
Mch. 10.	To Woodville Savings Bank Co., int. on note ($600).....		2 80
July 20.	To Western Manuf. Co., per bills....		55 85
July 20.	To Mauntler Bros., for curtain.....		22 00
1915			
Oct. 18.	Woodville Savings Bank Co., int. on ($1,500) note		24 75
	Water System.		
1915			
Oct. 1.	To Ft. Wayne Engineering & Manuf. Co.	$320 00	
Oct. 8.	To Ralph Wingate for labor.....	11 00	
Nov. 2.	To H. Keil for drayage.....	8 23	
Oct. 8.	To Wall, Bock-Kuhlman Co.....	20 45	
1916			
Jan. 15.	To Wm. Rothert, for wiring.....	44 30	
Jan. 29.	To Dir. K. Hemminghaus, expenses..	42 34	
Jan 29.	To Doepher-Kaemming Co., per bill..	3 04	
Feb. 19.	To Woodville Light Plant, repair of motor	48 45	
Feb. 26.	To F. Mauntler, for sewer workers..	94 00	
Feb. 26.	To Wm. Keil & Son, per bill.....	29 45	
July 20.	To Wm. Molkenbur for carpentry and vault	310 94	
July 22.	To F. W. Warnke, plumbing and fixtures	742 49	
	Total cost		$1,674 69

Remodeling the Aula.

July 20. To Wm. Molkenbur, in full of contract	$400 00
Total expenditures	$16,100 62
To balance	12 41
	$16,113 03

C. C. ROBINSON, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct, July 26, 1916.

C. VOGEL,
F. E. ASSENHEIMER,
K. HEMMINGHAUS,
Committee.

PACIFIC ACADEMY.

Treasurer's Report from July 1, 1914, to Nov. 1, 1914.

Received.

Cash on hand July 1, 1914	$1,081 32
Diplomas	12 50
Rent of School Buildings July, August and September	190 00
Sundries	11 00
Deficit	86 37
Total received	$1,371 69

Expended.

Prof. C. E. Marriott, salary	$250 02
Prof. C. E. Marriott, settlement	244 85
Prof. A. E. Minneman, salary	83 33
Otto Reitz, tutor	50 00
Repairs on buildings	105 50
Library *	106 66
Diplomas	29 75
Gas, light and janitor	78 58
Advertising	22 75
Refund of tuition	15 00
Stamps	5 00
Rev. A. P. Meyer, typewriter rent	17 50
G. Sillman, expenses, renting and sale	26 50
Prof. A. O. Swinehart part moving expenses	301 25
G. Sillman, expenses board meeting, for C. Nagel	10 00
Total received	$1,371 69

A. E. MINNEMAN, *Treas.*

*From insurance money received in 1914.

Treasurer's Report from Nov. 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

Received.

Balance on hand November 1, 1914	.....
From F. J. Heer, General Treasurer	$2,900 00
Rent of Olympia buildings, Oct., 1914 to June, 1916, 21 months @ $60	1,260 00
From sale of furniture	145 25
Insurance, rebate	11 75
Donation, A. E. M	5 00
Tuition	117 00
C. Nagel, per Rev. G. F. Pauschert	61 75
Total received	$4,500 75

Expended.

Rev. A. E. Minneman, deficit	$86 37
Rev. A. E. Minneman, salary	366 70
Freight on library to Spokane	52 90
Prof. A. O. Swinehart, balance moving expenses	46 36
Prof. A. O. Swinehart, salary and rent	2,682 95
Library*	295 51
Traveling expenses of Theol. students	286 00
Traveling expenses of Directors, for C. Nagel	76 95
Advertising	10 75
Insurance	5 95
To balance	590 31
Total Expenditures	$4,500 75
Balance on hand July 1, 1916	$590 31

GEO. SILLMAN, *Treas.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF HEBRON ACADEMY.

From July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1915.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, July 1	$127 86
Fred Heer, General Treasurer	4,100 00
Tuition and room rent	1,526 87
Music Department	651 25
Income unclassified	109 12

*From insurance money collected in 1914.

Disbursements.

Prof. Buehring, salary	$1,100 00	
Prof. Paysen, salary	1,100 00	
Prof. Young, salary	911 00	
Miss Herma Meyer	720 00	
Prof. Soennichsen	425 00	
Rev. Achtenberg	41 65	
Water and light	262 35	
Coal	281 84	
Miscellaneous	321 14	
Janitor	167 00	
Printing and advertising	89 30	
Repairs and improvements	501 67	
Supplies	466 70	
Telephone	17 20	
Traveling expenses	50 60	
	$6,455 45	$6,515 10
To balance	59 65	
	$6,515 10	$6,515 10
By balance July 1, 1915		59 65

M. PAYSEN, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct.

FRANK BRUNING,
WM. STRUVE.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF HEBRON ACADEMY.

From July 1, 1915, to July 1, 1916.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1916	$59 65
General Treasury	4,600 00
Special music students	879 65
Tuition and room rent	1,459 90
Income unclassified	408 07

Disbursements.

Prof. P. H. Buehring, arrears	$100 00
Prof. P. H. Buehring, salary 1916	1,200 00
Prof. Wm. Young, arrears	89 00
Prof. Wm. Young, salary 1916	1,000 00
Prof. M. Paysen, salary	1,100 00
Miss Herma Meyer, arrears	80 00
S. Soennichsen, arrears	150 00
S. Soennichsen, salary	600 00

Miss Marie Kellermeyer, salary	400 00	
Water and light	237 29	
Coal (1915) $259.00, (1916) $505.20	764 20	
Insurance	36 00	
Miscellaneous	282 22	
Janitor	194 00	
Printing and Advertising	41 18	
Repairs and improvements	284 48	
Supplies	277 12	
Telephone	22 44	
Traveling expenses	135 07	
	$6,993 00	$7,407 27
To balance	414 27	
	$7,407 27	$7,407 27
By balance July 1, 1916		414 27

M. PAYSEN, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct.

FRANK BRUNING,
W. F. MIDDENDORF.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF HEBRON ACADEMY BUILDING FUND.

July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

Receipts.

Cash on hand, July 1, 1914	$146 76	
Subscriptions, Hebron	160 00	
Loans	2,800 00	
Collection campaign	1,025 30	
Sundry receipts	7 75	
Total receipts		$4,139 81

Disbursements.

Interest	$285 62	
Loans paid	3,150 00	
Bills paid	527 94	
Furniture, Theodora Hall	20 00	
Collection campaign expenses	112 46	
Total disbursements		$4,096 03
Cash on hand, July 1, 1916		43 78

Comparative Statement of Indebtedness, July 1, 1914, and July 1, 1916.

July 1, 1914..

Bills payable	$527 94	
Loans	2,300 00	
Total indebtedness		$2,827 94

July 1, 1916.

Loans	$1,950 00	
Total indebtedness		$1,950 00
Debt has been reduced		877 94

N. B. — We still hold unpaid subscriptions of Hebron citizens amounting to $470.00, of which however not more than about 50% can be realized.

THEO. BUEHRING, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct, July 17, 1916. M. J. DAGEFOERDE,
P. H. BUEHRING.

LUTHER ACADEMY, MELVILLE, SASK.

Report of Cash Book Receipts and Expenditures from July 1, 1915, to June 30, 1916.

Receipts.

From Synod (F. J. Heer)	$3,221 10	
From two loans	305 00	
From students. Tuition fees	1,398 00	
From Boarding Club	73 80	
From Rev. K. Raschke, collection	17 84	

Disbursements.

To deficit from 1914-1915 books		$54 62
To salary, Prof. Allwardt		996 94
To salary, Prof. H. Schmidt		1,719 33
To salary, Rev. C. Pohlmann		300 00
To salary, Mr. Dan. Ludwig		225 00
To salary, Rev. K. Raschke		179 14
To refund to students		17 00
To fuel, etc		598 36
To miscellaneous expense		170 79
To one loan repaid		160 00
To cash balance on hand, July 1, 1916		594 56
Total footings	$5,015 74	$5,015 74

Audited, July 20, 1916. A. Voss.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME TREASURY REPORTS.

Financial Secretary's Report on the Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Indiana, from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, July 1, 1914	$268 48
Received from General Treasurer	13,000 00
Received from House Fund for the Support of Children	2,114 53
Received Interest on Endowment Fund	1,570 15
Received from F. H. Mollenour for the support of his niece.	400 00
Received from J. H. Niewoehner, Interest	150 00
Received in Donations	88 50
Refunded	3 76
Total	$17,595 42

Disbursements.

Paid to J. J. Schultz, Treasurer	$17,328 16
Balance in Treasury	$267 26

Itemized Account of Disbursements.

Salaries	$5,312 00
Supt. H. Specht	68 95
Allowance for Children 18 years old	145 00
Bread	1,379 77
Groceries	1,514 62
Meat	947 08
Dry Goods and Clothing	995 67
Shoes and Repairing	879 30
Flour and Feed	615 85
Kitchen Utensils	109 20
Books and Stationery	72 67
Hardware, Glass and Tinware	381 50
Water	276 11
Drugs and Medical Supplies	125 39
Telephone	96 00
Electric Light	293 12
Painting and Repairs	667 58
Trunks, Harness and Repairs	161 55
New Water Heater and Boiler Repairs	121 70
Plumbing	139 87
Laundry Supplies	119 99
Insurance	533 84
Coal, Sewer Pipe, Lime and Cement	682 31

Blacksmithing	164 35
Electrician	204 17
Taxes	86 16
Dentist	37 00
Lumber	280 09
Interest	110 85
Fire Hose	131 75
Horse	235 00
Fertilizer and Farm Implements	341 94
Silo and Tank	380 00
Veterinarian	22 75
Total	$17,633 13
Reported by the Housefather	2,219 43
Total Disbursements	$19,852 56

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. KEHLENBRINK, *Financial Secretary.*

Reporting Monies Received and Expended by Supt. Specht from July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1916.

Receipts.

From the farm and stock	$1,388 75	
House fund	558 78	
Other sources	183 15	
Donations	44 50	
Balance brought forward	106 77	
Total receipts		$2,281 95

Expenses.

On farm and stock	$859 29	
Provisions	319 91	
Laundry and sanitary supplies	254 52	
Sundries	235 71	
Allowances	445 00	
Freight, express and traveling expenses	48 28	
Medical supplies	23 28	
Postage	22 38	
Repairs	11 06	
Total expenses		$2,219 43
Balance on hand		$62 52

Respectfully submitted,

H. SPECHT, *Supt.*

Running Expenses of the Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind.

Balances in Treasury July 7, 1914	$377 19
Cash received from Frank Kehlenbrink from July 7, 1914, to July 5, 1916	17,328 16
Total	$17,705 35
Cash paid on order from July 7, 1914, to July 5, 1916	17,633 13
Balance in Treasury July 5, 1916	$72 22

Yours respectfully,

JOHN J. SCHULTZ, *Treasurer.*

Report of the Wernle, O., Home Endowment Fund from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

NEW LEBANON, O., July 10, 1916.

There has been an addition to said fund since July 1, 1914, of	$4,711 44
The present fund is	23,633 87
The interest received on said fund for the two years was	1,570 15

Yours fraternally,

H. L. RIDENOUR, *Custodian.*

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME, MARS, PA.

From July 14, 1914, to July 3, 1916.

Balance July 14, 1914	$637 87

Receipts.

Interest	$1,659 34
Anniversary	652 51
Donations	1,527 68
Entrance Fees	4,366 50
Payment Real Estate sold	155 16
Personal Deposits	558 13
Orphans' Home Account	6,775 00
Orphans' Home Account, Investments made	12,000 00

F. J. Heer, Treasurer	7,700 00
Legacies	2,501 03
Traveling Expenses returned, C. Nagel, Treasurer	109 00
Sale of Live Stock	100 00
Investments sold	4,500 00
Board	49 50
	$43,291 72

Expenditures.

Traveling	$149 75	
Entrance Fee returned	193 00	
Incidentals	456 17	
Personal withdrawals	31 25	
Mary J. Drexel Home	450 00	
Salaries	5,597 03	
Improvements	8,836 89	
Repairs	1,634 71	
Telephone	91 40	
Feed	464 64	
Insurance	479 16	
Gas	812 12	
Water	477 64	
Coal	635 66	
Labor	165 39	
Funeral expenses	616 24	
Drugs	82 93	
Doctor and Nurses	563 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	752 70	
Postage	32 96	
Household	5,605 90	
School supplies	44 57	
Printing	33 08	
Investments made	12,750 00	
Anniversary	259 67	
Bequests paid	80 20	
Interest on Inv. purchased	169 05	
Fertilizer	75 12	
Express	21 58	
Livestock purchased	115 00	
Balance	1,614 91	
		$43,291 72

Of the above cash balance $1,000.00 was paid in on mortgage payment a few days previous to the closing of our books for this report.

Two hundred dollars have also been returned on account of inmates leaving. We are also liable at this time for $350.00 of above sum to an inmate who has not been with us allotted time before acceptance.

ST. JOHN'S ORPHANS' HOME, MARS, PA.

July 14, 1914, to July 3, 1916.

Balance July 14, 1914		$1,100 28

Receipts.

Board	$3,688 08	
Bequests	9,525 00	
Interest	1,023 62	
Donations	25 00	
Investments paid off	3,500 00	
		$17,761 70
		$18,861 98

Expenditures.

Old Folks' Home Treasury, household expenses	$5,775 00	
Old Folks' Home Treasury, account improvements and repairs, Orphans' building	1,000 00	
Investments	12,000 00	
Balance	86 98	
		$18,861 98

Total Assets.

Cash balance, July 3, 1916	$86 98
Investments	11,475 00
	$11,561 98

See list of investments at end of report.

Recapitulation.

ASSETS — OLD FOLKS' HOME —		
Cash balance July 3, 1916		$1,614 91
Investments —		
Bonds	$1,600 00	
Mortgages	19,850 00	
	$21,450 00	
Less Orphans' Home Investments	11,475 00	
		$9,975 00
Total Assets		$11,589 91

LIABILITIES —

Total Liabilities of $550.00 are noted on sheet No. 1.

Recapitulation.

ASSETS — ORPHANS' HOME —		
Cash balance July 3, 1916		$86 98
Investments as noted above		11,475 00
Total Assets		$11,561 98
FUNDS OF BOTH HOMES ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:		
Otto Heil, mortgage	$3,000 00	
F. K. Martin, mortgage	3,000 00	
John J. Gilroy, mortgage	1,600 00	
Emma Hammond, mortgage	3,000 00	
Barbara Wolff, mortgage, balance	1,000 00	
George Dodds, mortgage	750 00	
A. L. Findley, mortgage	2,500 00	
John Dindinger, mortgage	5,000 00	
BONDS —		
People's Telephone	100 00	
T. W. Phillips, Gas and Oil	1,000 00	
Kittanning Plate Glass Co	500 00	
		$21,450 00
Old Folks' Home	$9,975 00	
Orphans' Home	11,475 00	
		$21,450 00

All investments are First Mortgage, and are fully paid up as to interest with exception of the Kittanning Plate Glass bond which was inherited. This company has had reverses and we will lose most of this gift.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. CRONENWETT, *Treasurer.*

BOARD OF AID.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, July 1, 1914	$702 82
From the collectors of the different Districts	12,783 32
Direct from Congregations and contributors	1,412 23
F. J. Heer, General Treasurer	736 97
Interest	1,369 35
Total	$17,004 69

Expenditures.

Aid furnished	$16,982 08
Expenses	10 00
Balance on hand, July 1, 1916	12 61
	$17,004 69

Endowment Fund.

In Fund July 1, 1914	$9,200 00
Received from Lutheran Book Concern	8,000 00
Received from Rev. Kohlrusch	100 00
In Fund July 1, 1916	$17,300 00

Contributions by Districts, Etc.

Districts.	*Collectors.*	*Direct.*	*Total.*
Australian	$54 63	.....	$54 63
Canada	188 90	$31 98	220 88
Concordia	107 39	7 00	114 39
English	1,992 94	148 08	2,141 02
Kans.-Neb.	493 32	16 95	510 27
Minnesota	2,098 69	34 73	2,133 42
Northern	2,296 70	944 47	3,241 17
Eastern	1,601 93	.....	1,601 93
Texas	160 31	29 00	189 31
Washington	826 11	14 50	840 61
Western	1,787 40	179 44	1,966 84
Wisconsin	1,175 00	6 08	1,181 08
	$12,783 32	$1,412 23	$14,195 55
F. J. Heer			736 97
Interest			1,369 35
			$16,301 87

During the past year the following sums were paid to the persons named:

Mrs. Nannie Ackler, Phoebus, Va	$300 00
Mrs. Catharine Allwardt, Hamilton, O	168 75
Mrs. Sophia Bartz, Woodville, O	600 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, Richmond, Ind	150 00
Mrs. J. F. Bergerner, Columbus, O	25 00
Teacher J. F. Bergener, Columbus, O	50 00
Rev. W. Brandt, Berlin, Germany	80 00
Rev. C. Buechler, Grand Island, Neb	450 00
Mrs. Susan Carter, Baltimore, Md	150 00
Rev. G. T. Cooperrider, Columbus, O	400 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Damrow, Golden, Ill	262 50

Rev. J. F. Doescher, Cornelius, Ore	400 00
Rev. H. Drews	50 00
Rev. L. C. Dreyer, Erie, Mich	175 00
Mrs. Anna Ebert, Oil City, Pa	118 75
Mrs. Anna H. C. Eich, Sulphur Springs, O	425 00
Mrs. A. Fiebke, Albany, N. Y	500 00
Rev. R. H. Fischer, Springfield, Minn	200 00
Mrs. F. H. Gahre, Glenville, Neb	50 00
Rev. A. F. H. Gebhard, Wausau, Wis	237 50
Rev. F. W. Gebhard, Canova, S. D	100 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Heinzelman, Detroit, Mich	175 00
Mrs. Margarethe Horn, Odessa, Wash	200 00
Mrs. Therese Huebner, Detroit, Mich	50 00
Mrs. Mary Humberger, Piqua, O	150 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Hunziker, Cardington, O	120 00
Mrs. L. F. Kibler, Baltimore, Md	400 00
Mrs. Hannah Krueger, Pittsburgh, Pa	25 00
Rev. A. Koehler, Walla Walla, Wash	180 00
Mrs. A. F. Klopfer, Crestline, O	100 00
Mrs. Elizabeth Lamprecht, Springfield, Minn	400 00
Mrs. C. E. Lange, Portsmouth, O	300 00
Prof. G. K. Leonard, Columbus, O	612 50
Mrs. Sophia Liefeld, Waverly, Ia	100 00
Mrs. C. Lilje, Oak Harbor, O	50 00
Rev. L. Lindoerfer, Elberta, Ala	300 00
Mrs. Ida Linseman, Galion, O	200 00
Rev. F. W. Loewenstein, New Orleans, La	125 00
Mrs. Caroline Loewenstein, Holland, Ind	175 00
Mrs. Mary E. Loewenstein, New Orleans, La	112 50
Mrs. Emma Luehring, Hermannsburg, Germany	300 00
Mrs. H. F. Meyer, Hebron, Neb	500 00
Rev. J. Mittermaier, Aurora, Ind	475 00
Mrs. Rost Muench, Vermilion, S. D	200 00
Rev. W. Niebuhr, Grove City, O	150 00
Rev. J. Oelkers, Keystone, Alta., Can	337 50
Mrs. Catharine Oldoerp, Marysville, O	500 00
Rev. P. A. Peter, Verona, O	200 00
Phifer Orphans, Charlotte, N. C	337 50
Mrs. Charlotte Price, Detroit, Mich	400 00
Rev. O. Priwer, Grove City, O	150 00
Mrs. Caroline Radke, Richmond, Ind	300 00
Mrs. Ada Reiner, Bexley, O	62 50
Mrs. A. Rohe, Columbus, O	75 00
Rev. A. L. Schenk, Sciotoville, O	100 00
Rev. C. Schink, Portland, Ore	180 00
Mrs. Caroline Schmidt, Youngstown, O	87 50
Student Oscar Schmidt, Evans, Colo	10 00

Rev. W. F. Seeger, Pasadena, Cal.	150 00
Mrs. W. Sibert, Brandywine, W. Va.	200 00
Rev. D. Simon, Lima, O.	50 00
Mrs. Dorothy Spangler, Sydney, O.	75 00
Mrs. J. Stumpf, Fort Wayne, Ind.	200 00
Mrs. Mary Sutter, Oak Harbor, O.	262 50
Rev. A. L. Swinehart, Bexley, O.	68 33
Mrs. Mary E. Swinehart, Shepard, O.	193 75
Rev. F. J. Theimer, Fredericksburg, Texas.	175 00
Mrs. Lillie Theimer, Fredericksburg, Texas.	525 00
Mrs. Mary H. Tressel, Columbus, O.	100 00
Mrs. A. W. Wendt, St. Paul, Minn.	200 00
Rev. F. R. Wendt, Reading, O.	200 00
Mrs. B. Willert, Grove City, O.	150 00
Rev. S. J. Winkler, Saginaw, Mich.	400 00
Mrs. Alwina Witte, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.	300 00
Rev. H. Wittrock, Ritzville, Wash.	125 00
Rev. David Zielsdorf, Glenwood City, Wis.	375 00

During the past two years 77 persons and families received aid; 62 are receiving aid now.

The contributions during the past two years exceeded those of the previous two years by $1,463.92. Increase in interest earned, $759.10. Total increase in receipts, $2,223.02. However, the disbursements for aid furnished were $2,993.33 more than during the previous period. The increase in receipts did not keep pace with the increase in expenditures.

During the past fifteen months the treasury was empty quite often and appeals through the church papers did not always bring the required help. During last winter it even became necessary temporarily to borrow $600.00 from the Endowment Fund, to avoid subjecting the needy to privations during the inclement season of the year.

One-half of the $5,000.00 annually received from the Book Concern should be available for current use; this would enable the Treasury to meet its obligations more promptly and probably would entirely avoid the vexation of an empty treasury.

JNO. F. NIEMAN, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct. July 7, 1916.

F. E. ASSENHEIMER.
C. C. ROBINSON.

HOME MISSIONS.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts.

Contributions	$91,813 96
Lutheran Book Concern earnings	5,000 00

Refunds	783 80	
Interest on daily balance for 18 months	456 50	
		$98,054 26

Expenses.

Salaries of missionaries	$79,331 19	
Moving expenses of missionaries	2,511 15	
Traveling expenses of missionaries	798 71	
Students for services in mission fields	620 30	
Loan from Church Building Fund	3,357 48	
Lutheran Book Concern	2,517 68	
Expenses of the Mission Board	4,087 73	
Various expenses	425 82	
Total expenses	$93,650 06	
Balance in treasury July 1, 1916	4,404 20	
		$98,054 26

Notice: In the report for 1914 the sum of $161.10 was omitted from the expense column. To debt reported this amount should have been added, and the same amount must be deducted from the balance reported in the treasury; this making the actual balance $4,243.10.

Board Expenses.

Rev. E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, salary	$1,999 97	
Rev. E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, rent	600 00	
Rev. E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, mileage	382 06	
Rev. E. F. Wm. Stellhorn, expenses	23 25	
Rev. M. R. Walter, expenses	35 05	
Rev. D. P. Ebert, expenses and mileage	151 55	
Rev. J. J. Allwardt, expenses and mileage	171 43	
Rev. Geo. Troutman, expenses and mileage	222 35	
Rev. S. A. Stein, expenses and mileage	297 40	
Postage	119 48	
Duplicator	35 00	
Supplies	34 19	
Auditing expense	25 00	
		$4,087 73

Various Expenses.

Clerical help	$26 42	
Telephone and telegrams	44 34	
Attorney fees	100 00	
Dr. Schuette, travelling expenses	25 27	
Taxes	43 95	
Check protector	30 00	
Safe	74 68	
Rent, etc., for North Columbus mission	53 65	
Unclassified	21 51	
		$425 82

INVESTMENT FUND REPORT.

Credits.

Balance in Treasury July 1, 1914		$51 31
Legacies reported July 1, 1914—		
Wachendorf fund	$50 00	
Kamper fund	3,122 66	
Wolf fund	190 00	
N. N., Woodville, O., fund	400 00	
Douglas fund	882 18	
Rudolph fund	1,900 00	
Ida Raether fund	200 00	
Cath. Landwehr fund	225 00	
H. H. Hespenheide fund	2,000 00	
Maria A. Wassum fund	75 00	
Agatha Doellinger fund	100 00	
Reserve fund	2,754 75	
Money due the Home Missions	32 07	
		$11,931 66
Legacies received since July 1, 1914—		
Nov. 6, 1914. Christian Ziess estate	$4,750 00	
Dec. 4, 1914. J. Selig bequest	3,550 00	
Feb. 6, 1915. Ann Arbor, Mich., cong	250 00	
May 9, 1916. Christiana Klingler	100 00	
		$8,650 00
Interest from July 1, 1914 to July 1, 1916—		
July 29, 1914. J. F. Christiansen	$30 00	
Dec. 30, 1914. General Treasury	190 36	
Feb. 5, 1915. Gross Ventre cong	10 00	
July 7, 1915. W. Duluth, Minn., cong	100 00	
Dec. 15, 1915. Gustav Samuel	204 00	
Dec. 29, 1915. General Treasury	190 36	
Feb. 9, 1916. Gross Ventre cong	10 00	
Mar. 6, 1916. Grace cong., Chicago, Ill.	100 00	
Mar. 18, 1916. Gross Ventre cong	10 00	
Jan. 15, 1916. W. Duluth, Minn., cong	100 00	
		$964 72
Refunds on loans—		
July 28, 1915. Otto Becker	$10 00	
Apr. 25, 1916. Wm. Gevers	100 00	
May 14, 1915. Gustav Samuel	1,550 00	
		$1,660 00
		$23,257 69

Debits.

Old Loans—		
General Treasury	$3,172 66	
Grace cong., Chicago, Ill.	6,424 00	
Medicine Hat, Alta, cong.	350 00	
Haultain, Sask., cong.	350 00	
Morse, Sask., Salem cong.	600 00	
Rev. J. F. Christiansen	600 00	
Gross Ventre, Alta., cong.	200 00	
Rev. W. Gevers	100 00	
Rev. Otto Becker	10 00	
		$11,931 6
New Loans—		
Dec. 4, 1914. Gustav Samuel	$3,550 00	
Jan. 1, 1915. West Duluth, Minn., cong.	4,000 00	
		$7,550 0
Interest transferred to Home Missions—		
Hein and Ebert, balance 1913	$83 38	
Interest due Home Missions from July 1, 1914 to July 1, 1916	964 72	
		$1,048 1
Balance in treasury July 1, 1916		2,727 9
		$23,257 69

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

Treasurer's Report from July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.
Cash Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the treasury July 1, 1914	$3,852 07	
Loan to Home Mission Treasury	3,357 48	
Collections	11,343 84	
Borrowed money	15,300 00	
Refunds	10,317 60	
Interest	3,687 32	
Special collections	805 58	
		$48,663 89

EXPENSES.

New loans	$39,574 65	
Borrowed money paid back	3,500 00	
Interest paid	800 33	
Salary to treasurer	549 98	
Balance in treasury July 1, 1916	4,238 93	
		$48,663 89

Refunds.

From July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

Baltimore, Md. Faith cong.	$200 00	
Baltimore, Md. Christ cong.	600 00	
Brandon, Man. Canada cong.	50 00	
Brookline, Pa. St. Mark cong.	675 00	
Brush, Colo. St. John cong.	150 00	
Cleveland, O. Hope cong.	300 00	
Elberta, Ala. Trinity cong.	100 00	
Greenville, O. Grace cong.	169 85	
Holdfast, Sask. St. John cong.	300 00	
Kaukauna, Wis. Zion cong.	2 28	
Lang, Sask. St. John cong.	290 55	
Longmont, Colo. Peace cong.	125 00	
Loveland, Colo. Zion cong.	400 00	
Martins Ferry, O. Zion's cong.	93 00	
Max, N. Dak. Peace cong.	225 00	
Mercedes, Tex. Ebenezer cong.	20 00	
Mercer, N. Dak. Emanuel cong.	130 00	
McLena Co., N. Dak. St. John cong.	100 00	
Morse, Sask. Zion cong.	400 00	
Neche, N. Dak. Christ cong.	100 00	
Oshkosh, Wis. First Eng. cong.	1,700 00	
Rhein, Sask. Christ cong.	100 00	
Saginaw, Mich. Grace cong.	130 00	
San Antonio, Texas. Grace cong.	1,500 00	
Spokane, Wash. First Eng. cong.	85 00	
Spokane, Wash. Hillyard cong.	200 00	
Spokane, Wash. St. Mark cong.	450 00	
Strassburg, Sask. St. John cong.	600 00	
Tacoma, Wash. Peace cong.	450 00	
Wetaskiwin, Alta. Peace cong.	105 00	
Whitemouth, Man., cong.	124 92	
Washington, D. C. St. Matthew cong.	250 00	
Winlock, Wash. St. Paul cong.	20 00	
Winthrop, Minn. Peace cong.	172 00	
		$10,317 60

Securities.

Following loans were in force July 1, 1916.

Baltimore, Md. Faith cong.	$1,250 00
Baltimore, Md. Christ cong.	1,900 00
*Bergheim, Sask. Trinity cong.	300 00
Bigger, Sask. Immanuel cong.	200 00
Brandon, Man. First German cong.	450 00
Brookline, Pa. St. Mark cong.	525 00

Brush, Colo. St. John cong	275 00
Calgary, Alta, Zion cong	2,320 73
Cannonsburg, Pa. St. Paul cong	2,450 00
Castle Rock, Wash. St. Paul cong	200 00
Chatfield, Man. St. John cong	65 00
Chicago, Ill. Grace 23d St. property	5,631 30
Chicago, Ill. Grace, Marshfield Ave	500 00
Cincinnati, O. Cross cong	5,000 00
Cleveland, O. Hope cong	2,700 00
Cleveland, O. Martin Luther cong	3,000 00
Columbus, O. St. John cong	1,772 45
Detroit, Mich. Bethlehem cong	1,000 00
Edmonton, Alta.	3,000 00
Elberta, Ala. Trinity cong	94 00
Georgetown, Wash. Grace cong	112 00
Greenville, O. Grace cong	830 15
Gadwin, Mich. St. John cong	500 00
Grove City, Pa	1,500 00
Hancock, Minn. St. Matth. cong	500 00
Hilda, Alta. Bethlehem cong	500 00
Indianapolis, Ind. St. Matth. cong	2,820 07
Irvine, Alta. Christ cong	500 00
Kalama, Wash. St. John cong	123 25
Kaukauna, Wis. Zion cong	1,105 85
Kansas City, Mo. Grace cong	600 00
Lancaster, O. St. Paul cong	1,200 00
Lanigan, Sask. Zion cong	400 00
LaPorte, Sask. Peace cong	150 00
Lethbridge, Alta. St. Paul cong	3,075 00
Loveland, Colo. Zion cong	240 00
Macksburg, Ore. Zion cong	240 00
Madison, Wis. Zion cong	525 00
Martins Ferry, O. Zion cong	289 39
McEachern (Cincaid) Sask. cong	300 00
Mercedes, Texas. Ebenezer cong	580 00
Michigan City, Ind. St. John cong	1,500 00
Milwaukee, Wis. Ephata cong	4,000 00
Moose Horn, Man. Peace cong	200 00
Moose Jaw, Sask. Redeemer cong	1,476 85
New Orleans, La. Grace cong	2,500 00
New Orleans, La. St. Luke cong	4,500 00
New Leipzig, N. Dak. Emanuel cong	1,000 00
*Neche, N. Dak. Christ cong	400 00
Neudorf, Sask. Christ cong	2,500 00
Oregon City, Ore. Immanuel cong	675 00
Portland, Ore. St. John cong	844 29
Prussia, Sask. Peace cong	700 00
Prussia, Sask. Christ cong	200 00

Regina, Sask. Trinity cong	200 00
Rising Sun, Del. St. Paul cong	500 00
*Rosthern, Sask. Trinity cong	1,500 00
Saginaw, Mich. Grace cong	2,870 00
San Antonio, Texas. Grace cong	1,000 00
San Antonio, Texas. (Harlandale)	850 00
Scranton, N. D. Peace cong	200 00
Schmidt P. O., Sask. Christ cong	200 00
Shenandoah Co., Va. Mt. Zion cong	16 90
Spokane, Wash. First English cong	4,115 00
Spokane, Wash. (Hillyard cong.)	850 00
Stoddard, Neb. St. Paul cong	300 00
St. Paul, Minn. (Homecroft cong.)	1,000 00
Strassburg, Sask. St. John cong	200 00
Tacoma, Wash. Peace cong	300 00
Terra Haute, Ind. Christ cong	1,300 00
Tilleda, Wis. Peace cong	300 00
Turtle Lake, Wis. Peace cong	200 00
Vancouver, B. C. Christ cong	3,500 00
Walsh, Alta. Kronsfelder cong	100 00
Wetaskiwin, Alta. Peace cong	495 00
Wheatland, Wyo., cong	873 00
Whitemouth, Man., cong	126 08
Winlock, Wash. St. Paul cong	80 00
Winnipeg, Man. Christ cong	7,800 05
Winnipeg, Man. Cross cong	2,000 00
Winnipeg, Man. Redeemer cong	2,000 00
Winnipeg, Man. St. Paul cong	2,300 00
Winnipeg, Man. Good Hope cong	1,509 00
Winthrop, Minn. Peace cong	300 00
Youngstown, O. Woodland Ave. cong	2,000 00
Zanesville, O. St. Luke cong	1,425 00
	$109,630 36

Exhibit of new loans made from July 1 1914, to July 1, 1916.

These sums are included in securities given above.

Cannonsburg, Pa. St. Paul cong	$2,250 00
Chicago, Ill. Grace, Marshfield Ave	500 00
Chicago, Ill. 23d Place property	3,781 30
Chatfield, Man. St. John cong	65 00
Cleveland, O. Martin Luther cong	3,000 00
Columbus, O. St. John cong	1,772 45
Edmonton, Alta. Immanuel cong	3,000 00
Gladwin, Mich. St. John cong	500 00
Grove City, Pa. Trinity cong	1,500 00
Irvine, Alta. Christ cong	600 00

* Should have been reported two years ago.

Kansas City, Mo. Grace cong.....	600 00	
LaPorte, Sask. Peace cong.....	150 00	
McEachern (Cincaid) Sask. cong.....	300 00	
Michigan City, Ind. St. John cong.....	1,500 00	
Milwaukee, Wis. Ephata cong.....	4,000 00	
Moose Horn, Man. Peace cong.....	200 00	
Moose Jaw, Sask. Redeemer cong.....	226 85	
Neudorf, Sask. Christ cong.....	2,500 00	
New Orleans, La. St. Luke cong.....	500 00	
Prussia, Sask. Peace cong.....	100 00	
Prussia, Sask. Christ cong.....	200 00	
Saginaw, Mich. Grace cong.....	1,370 00	
Schmidt P. O., Sask. Christ cong.....	200 00	
Terre Haute, Ind. Christ cong.....	1,300 00	
Winnipeg, Man. Good Hope cong.....	1,509 00	
Winnipeg, Man. Christ cong.....	6,050 05	
Youngstown, O. Woodland Ave. cong.....	2,000 00	
		$39,574 65

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Aug. 3, 1916.

We, the undersigned, have examined the books and accounts of the Board of Home Missions, the Church Building Fund and the Investment Fund, and find the same in good order with the following exceptions:

Home Mission Treasury: In the report for 1914 the sum of $161.10 was omitted from the expense column. To the debt reported for this treasury, this amount should have been added and the same amount must be deducted from the balance reported this year in the treasury, making the actual balance $4,243.10.

Church Building Fund: Notice! The difference of $1,393.86 between the balance as reported in 1914 and the actual balance of $3,852.07 as reported this year is accounted for as follows: $178.24 more was reported for collections than was really received, the error being made in the distribution.

One item of 11 cents credited to refund should have been credited to interest, and was more than was due.

Loan for $600.00 from individuals as also a loan of $968.53 from the Investment Fund were already reported in 1912.

An error of 2 cents in footing was also noted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. VANDEMARK,
C. E. RUEHLE,
Accountants.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BROTHERS:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as treasurer of the Foreign Missions Board covering the period from September 8, 1914, at which time the books were transferred to me by our honored former treasurer, Rev. A. W. Werder, up to and including June 30, 1916.

These figures will give you abundant proof of the liberality of our people, and of their interest in this noble work. Notwithstanding the serious handicap under which we have worked during the past two years, and the difficulty of sending moneys abroad, we have been able so far to take care of all our obligations, and all funds sent abroad have arrived safely at their destination.

In behalf of the Board, I take this occasion to thank all contributors to this fund, and to assure them that their assistance has been duly appreciated, and has materially assisted the Board to carry out the work assigned to it by Joint Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. ALTMAN, *Treasurer.*

Report From July 1, 1914, to Sept. 8, 1914,

at which time the books were turned over to me by Rev. Werder.

Balance in Treasury July 1, 1914	$10,883 49
Receipts to September 8, 1914	1,573 00
Total	$12,456 49
Expenditures July 15, 1914	6 00
Balance	$12,450 49
Received from Rev. Werder	$12,702 92
Difference	$252 43

which presumably covers accumulated interest on deposits.

WM. ALTMAN, *Treasurer.*

Treasurer's Report, Sept. 8, 1914, to June 30, 1916.

Receipts.

For Hermannsburg	$7,204 86
Special Emergency Fund	386 95
For Pastors, Catechists and Teachers	1,578 80

For Children	959 85
For Leper Asylum	127 60
For Gudur Girls' School	5 00
Personal Gifts for Rev. Pflueger	6 50
For Dr. Schneller in Jerusalem (returned to sender)	10 00
For Student Harms	24 32
Refund on foreign draft to Rev. Rohwer and returned uncollectable	172 75
Interest on daily bank balances	83 32
Interest on Certificates of Deposit	237 50
Received for various treasuries and forwarded	711 26
Excess expense money returned by Rev. Pflueger	75 65
From Rev. Schmidt for magazines to be sent to him in India	11 00
Remittance from F. J. Heer sent in error and returned to him	2 00
For Lutheran Foundlings Home — Hong Kong	5 30
For General Expenses	22,340 27
From Rev. Werder, former Treasurer	12,702 92
	$46,645 35

Disbursements.

Balance of purchase price for Stations in India.	$6,733 00	
Loans to Hermannsburg	8,300 00	
For support of our own Stations in India	14,178 64	
Amount of foreign draft returned by Rev. Rohwer and re-forwarded	172 75	
Our portion of expense for Liturgies	883 93	
Lutheran Book Concern — Stationery	10 00	
Heer Printing Co. — Stationery	5 25	
Rev. J. H. Schneider, postage	4 92	
Rev. J. H. Schneider, cablegrams and telegrams.	23 45	
Wm. Altman, postage, stationery	17 79	
Rev. K. Hemminghaus, expenses to Board Meetings	56 00	
Home Mission Board — Salary to Rev. Pflueger while studying at Tulane University, New Orleans	105 56	
Medical Supplies for Rev. Pflueger's work in India	99 59	
Rev. Pflueger — Expense money advanced	450 00	
Rev. Pflueger — Salary advanced	500 00	
Rev. Schmidt — Expense money advanced	100 00	
Rev. Schmidt — Salary advanced	400 00	
R. R. fare for Rev. Pflueger and family and Rev. Schmidt to Seattle	226 00	
Steamship tickets for Rev. Pflueger and family to India	486 15	
Steamship tickets for Rev. Schmidt to India	224 25	

Hartwig Harms	100 00	
Building and Loan Associations — Certificates of Deposit	8,750 00	
Moneys forwarded to various other Treasuries.	680 93	
Received for Dr. Schneller and returned to sender	10 00	
To Rev. Pflueger — personal gifts	6 50	
Refund to F. J. Heer	2 00	
Dr. L. B. Wolf, Sec. Gen. Synod—Cablegram	7 78	
Dr. C. R. Watson — 2 Mission Codes	6 72	
Miscellaneous items	20 75	
		$42,561 96
Balance		$4,083 39

Currency (Marks) returned by Rev. Pflueger as balance left out of moneys (Marks 5100.00) advanced to him by Hermannsburg Mission Society while in Germany, Marks 300.00. This is held to be exchanged for U. S. Currency when normal conditions again exist.

WM. ALTMAN, *Treasurer.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 7, 1916.

We have examined the books of Wm. Altman, Treasurer of the Foreign Missions Board, and find them to be correct as per copy of report attached hereto.

(Signed)

E. W. MAYER,
C. J. HEIBY,
K. G. A. BUSCH.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF COLORED MISSIONS.

Receipts.

To balance June 15, 1914	$1,514 79	
From congregations and individuals	3,806 39	
From St. Philip's congregation, Baltimore	60 75	
From Anne Arundel Co. School	37 00	
From Dr. C. H. L. Schuette & Simen legacy	400 00	
From interest on bank balances	69 75	
Loan at 5% interest	800 00	
		$6,688 68

Disbursements.

Rev. H. F. Richards, salary	$2,515 00
Rev. D. R. Braxton, salary	995 00
Students' Expenses and teachers' salaries	1,415 68

Traveling expenses	238 58	
Lutheran Book Concern and school supplies	147 02	
Ground rent and repairs St. Philip's Church	205 00	
Cost of Church property in Jackson, Miss	725 00	
Printing, postage, etc	23 92	
		$6,265 20
July 17, 1916, balance		$423 48

JOHN GUNKEL, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct by

JOHN J. DOBLER,
C. F. WM. HARTLAGE.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN.

For the Year Ending May 31, 1915.

I. Books and Merchandise.

Net profit from books and merchandise	$14,189 29

II. Periodicals.

	Revenue.	*Expense.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
Kirchenzeitung	$7,630 77	$6,862 57	$768 20	.....
Standard	5,729 60	5,943 52	.....	$213 92
Luth. Youth	5,847 25	6,527 31	.....	680 06
Kinderfreude	775 44	745 39	30 05	.....
Lesson Leaves	527 80	635 02	.....	107 22
Primary Paper	860 09	605 95	254 14	.....
Zeitbl. Magazine	533 29	639 05	.....	105 76
	$21,904 24	$21,958 81	$1,052 39	$1,106 96

Gross Gain	$1,052 39	
Losses	1,106 96	
Net Loss on Periodicals		$54 57

III. Real Estate and Buildings.

Income from Rentals	$12,225 00	
Expenses	5,437 09	
Net gain from real estate and buildings		$6,787 91

Recapitulation.

On Books and Merchandise	$14,189 29	
On Real Estate and Buildings	6,787 91	
	20,977 20	
Loss on Periodicals	54 57	
Net gain, all departments		$20,922 63

A. H. DORNBIRER, *Manager.*

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN.

For the Year Ending May 31, 1916.

I. Books and Merchandise.

Net profit from books and merchandise	$19,603 35

II. Periodicals.

	Revenue.	*Expense.*	*Gain.*	*Loss.*
Kirchenzeitung	$9,731 04	$7,663 40	$2,068 64	.....
Standard	8,248 50	6,885 34	1,363 16	.....
Luth. Youth....	7,804 33	7,677 08	127 25	.....
Kinderfreude ..	1,126 95	818 60	308 35	.....
Lesson Leaves..	434 25	524 48	.....	$90 23
Primary Paper.	972 26	770 25	202 01	.....
Zeitbl. Magazine	578 16	719 48	.....	141 32
	$28,895 49	$25,057 63	$4,069 41	$231 55

Gross Gain	$4,069 41	
Losses	231 55	
Net gain on periodicals		$3,837 86

III. Real Estate and Buildings.

Income from Rentals	$12,225 00	
Expenses	4,790 66	
Net gain on real estate and buildings		$7,434 34

Recapitulation.

On Books and Merchandise	$19,603 35	
On Periodicals	3,837 86	
On Real Estate and Buildings	7,434 34	
Net gain, all departments		$30,975 55

A. H. DORNBIRER, *Manager.*

REPORT OF SYNODICAL TREASURY JULY 15, 1914, TO JULY 28, 1916.

Disbursements.

1914			
Sept.	2.	By cash to Dr. G. H. Schodde, Voucher No. 1.	$7 30
	2.	By cash to Dr. Theo. Mees, Voucher No. 2.....	7 30
	2.	By cash to Rev. A. Ernst, Voucher No. 3.....	6 00
	2.	By cash to Dr. H. Ernst, Voucher No. 4.....	29 60
	2.	By cash to Dr. Wm. Steinmann, Voucher No. 5.	69 45
	2.	By cash to Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, Voucher No. 6.	7 30
	2.	By cash to Prof. A. Pflueger, Voucher No. 7..	39 90
	2.	By cash to Prof. W. D. Ahl, Voucher No. 8....	52 60
	2.	By cash to Rev. Groschupf, Voucher No. 9.....	93 00
	2.	By cash to Prof. K. Hemminghaus, Voucher No. 10	2 20
	2.	By cash to Prof. H. Schmidt, Voucher No. 11...	56 00
	2.	By cash to Prof. Ed. Pfeiffer, Voucher No. 12.	7 30
	2.	By cash to Prof. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher 13..	7 30
	2.	By cash to Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, Voucher No. 14	29 60
	2.	By cash to Prof. Otto Mees, Voucher No. 15....	7 30
	2.	By cash to Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, Voucher No. 16	12 70
	2.	By cash to Rev. M. R. Walter, Voucher No. 17.	7 60
	2.	By cash to Rev. C. C. Hein, Voucher No. 18...	7 30
	2.	By cash to Rev. G. Gehrke, Voucher No. 19...	42 50
	2.	By cash to Rev. J. Heidenreich, Vouch No. 20..	130 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Voucher No. 21	11 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Bowman, Voucher No. 22	2 50
	2.	By cash to Rev. F. Pohlmann, Voucher No. 23..	36 66
	2.	By cash to Rev. M. P. F. Doermann, Voucher No. 24	13 00

Sept.	2.	By cash to Rev. J. E. A. Doermann, Voucher No. 25	24 00
	2.	By cash to F. Mueller, Voucher No. 26	20 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, Voucher No. 27	12 70
	2.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Schuh, Voucher No. 28.	6 40
	2.	By cash to Rev. John Fritz, Voucher No. 29	76 15
	2.	By cash to Rev. A. J. Feeger, Voucher No. 30	10 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher No. 31.	7 20
	2.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher No. 32.	7 45
	2.	By cash to Mr. C. Nagel, Voucher No. 33	11 05
	2.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Kerl, Voucher No. 34	27 10
	2.	By cash to Rev. P. Dannecker, Voucher No. 35.	6 40
	2.	By cash to Rev. H. Specht, Voucher No. 36	10 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. A. O. Swinehart, Voucher No. 37	13 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. A. O. Swinehart, Voucher No. 38	39 60
	2.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, Voucher No. 39.	20 84
	2.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 40.	35 20
	2.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 41.	7 00
	2.	By cash to Rev. J. F. C. Soller, Voucher No. 42.	6 20
	8.	By cash to Dr. M. Loy, Voucher No. 43	100 00
	10.	By cash to Mapnus Printing Co., Voucher No. 44	6 00
	23.	By cash to Prof. G. A. Lange, Voucher No. 45.	3 00
	23.	By cash to Mr. Wm. Pomplun, Voucher No. 46.	18 00
	23.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher No. 47	8 65
	23.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher No. 48	8 15
Oct.	9.	By cash to Dr. M. Loy, Voucher No. 49	100 00
Nov.	2.	By cash to Jubilee Committee, Voucher No. 50	22 64
	11.	By cash to Dr. M. Loy, Voucher No. 51	100 00
	11.	By cash to Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, Voucher No. 52	10 00
	11.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, Voucher No. 53	87 75
Dec.	7.	By cash to Dr. M. Loy, Voucher No. 54	100 00
	7.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 55.	6 50
	10.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher No. 56.	8 90
	10.	By cash to Prof. G. A. Lange, Voucher No. 57	8 45
	28.	By cash to Rev. A. G. Bergener, Voucher No. 58.	22 50
	28.	By cash to Prof. Ed. Lauker, Voucher No. 59	12 50
	28.	By cash to Prof. J. J. Palmer, Voucher No. 60	7 00
	28.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher No. 61	10 10
	28.	By cash to Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Voucher No. 62	8 25
	28.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher No. 63.	14 40

1915			
Jan.	4.	By cash to Dr. M. Loy, Voucher No. 64.....	100 00
	22.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 65.	6 50
	22.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, Voucher No. 66.	14 67
	22.	By cash to Rev. G. Diemer, Voucher No. 67....	7 00
	22.	By cash to Rev. A. L. Nicklas, Voucher No. 68..	24 75
	22.	By cash to Mr. G. Hagelberger, Voucher No. 69.	14 00
	22.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, Voucher No. 70	3 25
Feb.	2.	By cash to Mrs. Dr. M. Loy, Voucher No. 71...	100 00
	23.	By cash to Rev. M. L. Baum, Voucher No. 72..	7 50
	23.	By cash to Jubilee Committee, per Requarth, Voucher No. 73.....	14 06
March	1.	By cash to Mr. G. Sillman, Treas. for the Pacific Seminary B., Voucher No. 74.....	61 75
	4.	By cash to Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Voucher No. 75	4 93
	12.	By cash to Mr. C. E. Cronenwett, Treas. of the St. John's Luth. Home, Mars, Pa., Voucher No. 76	109 00
	17.	By cash to Rev. Kahre, Treas. of Canada District, Cash, $181.95; and with receipt of balance due to Joint Synod on Apport. of $282.00, Voucher No. 77.....	463 95
April	27.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, Voucher No. 78.	13 97
	27.	By cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Voucher No. 79	5 36
May	3.	By cash to Mr. Requarth, Jubilee Committee, Voucher No. 80.....	11 10
	10.	By cash to Prof K. Hemminghaus, Voucher No. 81	50 00
	10.	By cash to Mrs. Cath. Lehman, Voucher No. 82.	200 00
	25.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 83.	13 00
	25.	By cash to Teacher H. Bammann, Voucher No. 84	11 75
	25.	By cash to Rev. H. L. Ridenour, Voucher No. 85.	4 40
June	3.	By cash to Rev. Geo. Diemer, Voucher No. 86.	7 00
	3.	By cash to Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, Voucher No. 87	5 50
	16.	By cash to Prof. Paysen, Treas. of Hebron Acad., Voucher No. 88.....	12 75
	17.	By cash to Luth. Book Concern, Voucher No. 89.	150 00
	22.	By cash to Luth. Book Concern, Voucher No. 90.	85 00
	24.	By cash to Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, Voucher No. 91	14 00
	28.	By cash to Luth. Book Concern, Voucher No. 92.	150 00
July	6.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher No. 93...	11 40

July	9.	By cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Voucher No. 94	6 50
	22.	By cash to Rev. Geo. Diemer, Voucher No. 95..	7 00
Aug.	31.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 96	6 50
	31.	By cash to Mr. J. Boosmann, Voucher No. 97..	24 80
Sept.	8.	By cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Voucher No. 98	6 35
	23.	By cash to Rev. A. M. Dornbirer, Voucher No. 99	7 50
	23.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 100	6 50
Oct.	15.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, Voucher No. 101	13 85
	15.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, Voucher No. 102	410 43
Nov.	4.	By cash to Rev. G. Diemer, Voucher No. 103....	7 00
	4.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, Voucher No. 104	500 00
	13.	By cash to Rev. J. Fritz (Regina, Canada), Voucher No. 105	27 65
Dec.	4.	By cash to Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 106....	6 50
	10.	By cash to E. A. Boehme, Voucher No. 107.....	14 40
	10.	By cash to Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Voucher No. 108	5 70
	10.	By cash to Prof. G. A. Lange, Voucher No. 109	4 75
	18.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, Voucher No. 110	9 20
	18.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher No. 111	10 65
	18.	By cash to Rev. J. Reiff, Voucher No. 112.....	7 00
1916.			
Jan.	26.	By cash to Rev. A. C. Ernst, Voucher No. 113..	10 00
Feb.	10.	By cash to Rev. A. L. Nicklas, Voucher No. 113.	10 00
	26.	By cash to Rev. H. Dannecker, Voucher No. 115	6 50
	29.	By cash to Prof. Hemminghaus, Voucher No. 116	50 00
April	21.	By cash to Mrs. Cath. Lehmann, Voucher No. 117	200 00
May	11.	By cash to Dr. R. C. H. Lenski, Voucher No. 118	17 65
	23.	By cash to Mr. G. Hagelberger, Voucher No. 119	15 70
June	16.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, Voucher No. 120	7 20
	16.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Schuh, Voucher No. 121	6 00
	20.	By cash to Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Voucher No. 122	7 55
	20.	By cash to Rev. M. L. Ridenour, Voucher No. 123	4 40
	22.	By cash to Prof. M. Paysen, Treas. of Hebron Academy, Voucher No. 124	18 90
	29.	By cash to Teacher H. Bammann, Voucher No. 125	3 00
	29.	By cash to Mr. C. Nagel, Voucher No. 126.....	8 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, Voucher No. 127	12 00

July	10.	By cash to Rev. L. M. Baum, Voucher No. 128..	9 00
	10.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, Voucher No. 129..	11 75
	17.	By cash to Rev. Wm. v. Fischer, Voucher No. 130	8 50
	20.	By cash to Rev. A. G. Bergener, Voucher No. 131	15 00
	25.	Total disbursements to date	$4,863 45

C. NAGEL, *Treas. of Joint Synod.*

Receipts.

1914.			
July	15.	Balance in Treasury	$985 10
	20.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. W. Roehrs (old account)	765 00
Dec.	24.	To cash Wisconsin District, Teacher G. A. Timmermann (old account)	50 00
1915.			
Jan.	15.	To cash Wisconsin District, Teacher C. A. Timmermann (old account)	50 00
	20.	Minnesota District, Rev. Carl Ganschow	250 00
	28.	To cash from Mr. Fred J. Heer for Arnold Fick, Jansen, Sask., Canada, for printing Joint Synod Minutes	2 00
Feb.	20.	To cash Western District, Rev. Hugo G. Schmidt	100 00
March	1.	To cash Washington District, Rev. G. F. Pauschert	85 00
	18.	To cash Wisconsin District, Teacher G. A. Timmermann	75 00
	22.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht	60 00
	24.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. W. Roehrs	100 00
April	9.	To cash Minnesota District, Rev. Carl Ganschow	200 00
	17.	To cash Canada District, Rev. H. W. Kahre (1910 until 1914)	282 00
	29.	To cash Texas District, Rev. Nic. Frueh	57 00
May	24.	To cash Kansas & Nebr. District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde	60 00
	26.	To cash Kansas and Nebr. District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde	20 00
June	17.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht	150 00
	22.	To cash Washington District, Rev. G. F. Pauschert	85 00
	28.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. W. Roehrs	150 00
July	1.	To cash Wisconsin District, Rev. G. A. Timmermann	373 00
Aug.	26.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. U. S. Dasher..	120 00
	30.	To cash Concordia District, Mr. U. S. Dasher..	35 00

Sept.	8.	To cash 1st English District, Rev. C. W. Pflueger	150 00
	8.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht..	125 00
	25.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht..	100 00
Oct.	5.	To cash Western District, Rev. Hugo G. Schmidt	352 00
	5.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. W. Roehrs	515 00
	21.	To cash 1st English District, Rev. C. A. Pflueger	291 00
1916.			
Feb.	8.	To cash from Jubilee Treas. H. A. Requarth monies advanced for the Jubilee Committee expenses, $22.64, $14.06 and $11.10.....	47 80
March	11.	To cash Western District, Rev. C. W. F. Brecht.	150 00
	18.	To cash Texas District, Rev. Nic. Frueh.....	57 00
April	12.	To cash Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht	85 00
	20.	To cash Wisconsin District, Teacher G. A. Timmermann	68 00
May	1.	To cash from Treas. Jubilee Fund on Note of $600.00 given Nov. 1, 1915, at 4%, 6 months	12 00
	1.	To cash from Springfield Natl. Bank, interest on $500.00 for 6 months at 4%.....	10 00
	1.	To cash Minnesota District, Rev. Carl Ganschow	450 00
	8.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. W. Roehrs	200 00
June	10.	To cash Western District, Rev. H. G. Schmidt	
July	1.	To cash, Wisconsin District, Teacher G. A. Timmermann	400 00
	8.	To cash Northern District, Teacher A. W. Roehrs	565 00
	8.	To cash Kansas and Nebr. District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde	80 00
	25.	To cash from Springfeld N. Bank, Int. on $1,200 4 mos. at 4 per cent.....	16 00
	25.	Total receipts	$7,927 90
	25.	Total disbursements, page 3 of F. Report.....	4,868 45
	25.	Balance in Treasury.....	$3,459 45

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Balance Due From Districts on Apportionment of the Joint Synod For 1914-1916.

1916.			
July	25.	Canada District, two years.....	$216 00
	25.	Concordia District, one year.....	155 00
	25.	First English District, one year.....	441 00
	25.	Western District, balance due.....	252 00
		Total	$1,064 00

C. NAGEL, *Treas. of Joint Synod.*

Springfield, Ohio, July 25, 1916.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE JUBILEE FUNDS.

May 21, 1915-July 25, 1916.

Disbursements.

1915.			
June	11.	By cash to Rev. F. O. Schuh, Collector, Voucher No. 1	$3 04
July	15.	By cash to Rev. G. F. Pauschert, Voucher No. 2	9 05
Sept.	1.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 3	65 90
	3.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 4	7 65
	10.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 5	33 88
	10.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 6	300 00
	15.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 7	10 29
Oct.	6.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 8	53 79
	15.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, Voucher No. 9	295 70
	20.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 10	13 27
Nov.	3.	By cash to Rev. J. Fritz, Canada, Voucher No. 11	7 90
	8.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 12	14 37
	22.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 13	10 77
	22.	By cash to Rev. G. F. Pauschert, Voucher No. 14	4 69
	23.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 15	11 32
Dec.	6.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 16	180 01
	14.	By cash to Rev. G. F. Pauschert, Voucher No. 17	6 10
	23.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 18	27 20
1916.			
Jan.	8.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 19	195 55
Feb.	8.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 20	199 09
	8.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, money to be refunded. Nov. 2, 1914, $22.64; Feb. 23, 1915, $14.06, and May 2, 1915, $11.10, Voucher No. 21	47 80
March	23.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 22	198 28
April	3.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 23	157 38
	15.	Dr. C. H. L. Schuette refunded $500.00 and Interest $6.67, Voucher No. 24	506 67
May	1.	Refunded to the Treas. of Joint Synod $600.00 and Interest $12.00, Voucher No. 25	612 00
	3.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 26	181 09
June	2.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 27	340 53
July	3.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 28	306 65
	15.	By cash to Mr. H. W. Requarth, Voucher No. 29	54 28
			$3,854 25

Receipts.

1915.			
May	21.	Dr. C. H. L. Schuette in trust of the Austin Cooperrider Estate to be refunded.....	$500 00
		Interest on above	6 67
	22.	Mr. W. L. Schneider from the Martin Luther cong. of Canton O., G. M. Schmucker, Pastor	100 00
	24.	No name from Rev. G. F. Klindworth cong., Woodland, Mich.	5 00
June	1.	Wm. Redemann, Davenport, Wash.....	10 00
July	22.	Mrs. Rev. S. Q. Parks, Gibsonburg, O., Treas. of the Federation of Ladies' Societies of Local Conference, Fremont, O. Collection held by the Women's Society at the Jubilee Meeting at Sandusky, June 23, 1915.....	39 44
Sept.	14.	Wm. Becker, 836 Pearl St., Columbus, O.....	50
Oct.	4.	Mrs. Dorotha Kautz, from Rev. Mittler's cong...	5 00
Nov.	1.	Treas. of Joint Synod, loan of 6 months.....	600 00
	5.	Rev. L. Dammann, St. Paul cong., Napoleon, O.	54 00
	30.	Rev. J. E. Kiefer, Luth. Zion cong., Fair Haven	161 50
Dec.	1.	Rev. L. Loehr, Montra, O., St. Mark cong....	1 90
	8.	Rev. L. Loehr, Montra, O., Emanuel cong.....	10 85
	8.	Rev. H. G. F. Kopanko from Mr. Fred Zintke, Luttig, O.	50 00
1916			
Jan.	6.	Rev. J. J. Allwardt, Peace cong., Galion, O.....	178 30
	10.	Rev. D. Simon, from Mary A Simon, Spencer, O., Homersville Charge	43 85
	13.	Rev. C. D. Fisher, Columbiana, O., Waterford cong.	21 50
	15.	Mrs. S. S. Rupert, Columbiana, O., Ev. Luth. Jerusalem cong.....	10 00
Feb.	8.	Rev. A. Beck, St. M. Ev. Luth. cong., Dayton, Ohio	50 00
March	7.	Member of Rev. L. L. Cooperrider cong.....	3 00
	14.	Rev. E. G. Spoehr, from Mr. G. Bretthauer....	5 00
	17.	Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector, from St. James cong., Wheeling, W. Va., Rev. A. W. Werder	105 00
	17.	St. Mathews cong., Benwood, W. Va., Rev. G. Hein	10 00
	17.	Zion cong. Martins Ferry, O., Rev. B. F. Schillinger	10 00
	17.	Rev. W. H. Oelschlager, collector of St. John cong., Petersburg, O., and Grace cong., East Palestine, O.....	75 00

March	22.	Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector —	
	22.	Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, St. John cong., Pittsburgh, Pa.	50 00
	24.	Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, St. John cong., Pittsburgh, Pa.	111 00
	24.	Rev. A. M. Wagner, from Ev. Luth. cong. Cleveland, O.	60 00
April	1.	F. O. Schuh, collector —	
	1.	Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, St. John cong., Pittsburgh, Pa.	1 00
	1.	Rev. F. D. Mechling, Charge Chap. W. K., Pa.	2 00
	1.	Rev. F. G. Prange, Peace cong., Greenock, Pa.	
	1.	Rev. W. E. Schramm, St. Paul cong., Pittsburgh, Pa.	165 00
	6.	Rev. L. G. Jacobs, Pittsburgh, Pa.	50 00
	6.	Rev. Hemminghaus, Hubbard, O.	26 00
	6.	Rev. A. Lembke, Salem, O.	1 00
	6.	Rev. Schmucker, Canton, O.	8 00
	6.	Rev. J. A. Lautenschlager, Massillon, O.	50
	6.	Rev. A. Lamprecht, Crestline, O.	51 00
	6.	Rev. L. Sixt.	5 00
	6.	Rev. G. B. Tejan, Avalon, Pa.	5 00
	6.	Rev. E. G. Spoehr from Carl Werner, Mars, Pa.	5 00
	13.	Rev. G. F. Klindworth, no name, Woodland, Mich.	25 00
	15.	Rev. E. Poppen, St. Paul cong., Zelienople, Pa.	107 00
	15.	Rev. E. Poppen, St. John cong., Petersville, Pa.	27 00
	20.	Rev. E. G. Richter, Martin Luther cong., Youngstown, O.	237 50
	20.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, St. Paul cong., Shippensville, Pa.	54 25
	20.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, St. Lucas cong., Shippensville, Pa.	40 00
	20.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, Immanuel cong., Shippensville, Pa.	69 50
	20.	Rev. W. Ebert, St. John cong., Perrysville, Pa.	12 95
	20.	Rev. L. G. Jacobs, Christ cong., Pittsburgh, Pa.	78 00
	20.	Rev. C. H. Schnepel, St. Mark cong., Sheldon, Ind.	46 75
	27.	Rev. C. H. Eisenbach, Trinity cong., Sheridanville, Pa.	12 00
May	3.	Rev. A. F. Roehr, Shippensville, Pa.	5 00
	3.	Rev. A. F. Roehr, St. Paul cong., Plain Corners, Pa.	7 00
	3.	Rev. A. F. Roehr, St. Luke cong., Venus, Pa.	27 00
	4.	Rev. O. H. Schmidt, Bethlehem, Pa.	42 00
	4.	Rev. J. F. Dill, Trinity cong., Burksville, Ky.	119 00

May	4.	Rev. L. D. Fisher, Columbiana, O., Zion cong., Waterford, O.	19 00
	5.	Rev. Eugene Poppen, St. John cong., Petersville, Pa.	1 00
	5.	Rev. Eugene Poppen, St. Paul cong., Zelienople, Pa.	33 25
	6.	Rev. F. D. Mechling, Charity cong., West View (Pittsburgh), Pa.	4 00
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector—	
	6.	Rev. A. J. Klindworth, Zion cong., Philo, Ill..	20 00
	9.	Rev. E. Nottbohm, Zion cong., Mt. Olive, Ill...	125 00
		Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector—	
	9.	Peace cong., Trenton, O.	57 25
	9.	Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Zion cong., Hamilton, Ohio	238 25
	9.	Rev. A. J. Braun, St. Peter cong., Reading, O.	21 00
	10.	Rev. G. F. Hein, St. Matt. cong., Benwood, W. Va.	59 00
	11.	Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Zion cong., Hamilton, Ohio	243 00
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector—	
	13.	Rev. J. Buth, Em. cong., New Douglass, Ill....	152 00
	13.	Rev. F. Fisher, Trinity cong., Hornsby, Ill....	118 50
	13.	Rev. R. E. Golladay, Grace cong., Columbus, O.	100 00
	15.	Mrs. Rev. Hax, Treasurer of Women's Mission District Conference, W. and E. O. and W. Va., for Jubilee Fund	50 00
	16.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, Emanuel cong., Shippensville, Pa.	10 00
	16.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, St. Paul cong., Plain Corner, Pa.	25 00
		Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector—	
	19.	Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Zion cong., Hamilton, O.	20 00
	19.	Rev. M. C. Hecht, St. Paul cong., Dayton, O...	220 42
	19.	Rev. C. H. Schnepel, St. Matt. cong., Sheldon, Ill.	14 51
	19.	Rev. A. M. Pence, St. Matt. cong., Ithaca, O.	28 00
	20.	Rev. A. M. Pence, Parish cong., Arcanum, O...	25 00
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector—	
	20.	Rev. W. Weidhas, Peace cong., Kirkwood, Mo.	10 00
	20.	Synodical Friends of Lincoln, Ill.	170 00
	20.	Rev. G. H. Schuster, Em. cong., Lincoln, Ill....	435 00
	25.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, St. Luke cong., Venus, Pa....	19 00
		Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector—	
	26.	Rev. A. M. Pence, Trinity cong., Pitts., O.....	28 00
	26.	Rev. Aug. Zell, St. John cong., Greenville, O..	111 00
	26.	Rev. E. P. Ebert, St. Paul cong., Answert, O..	3 00

May	26.	Rev. E. P. Ebert, Peace cong., Greenville, O...	55 00
	26.	Rev. L. Dammann, Peace cong., Napoleon, O..	50 00
	26.	Rev. Einfalt, St. Paul cong., Willow Dell, O...	40 00
	26.	Rev. Einfalt, Emanuel cong., Versailles, O.....	4 00
	26.	Rev. Disbern, Emanuel cong., Somerset, O....	10 00
	26.	Rev. Simon Long, Emanuel cong., Blatchleyville, O.	1 00
	26.	Rev. Simon Lang, St. John cong., McZena, O.	6 00
		Rev. E. Buth, Em. cong., New Douglass, Ill.....	13 00
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector —	
	29.	Rev. F. Seifert, St. Paul cong., Benson, Ill.....	50 00
		Rev. H. Telthorster, St. Peter cong., Flanagan, Ill.	270 50
		F. O. Schuh, collector —	
	31.	Rev. G. J. Sixt, Peace cong., Eaton, O.....	15 00
	31.	Rev. O. F. Tressel, Trinity cong., Richmond, Ind.	147 50
	31.	Rev. G. J. Sixt, Zion cong., Eaton, O.....	74 00
	31.	Rev. W. F. Frey, Peace cong., Arnheim, O....	16 00
		Rev. L. M. Friedrich, collector —	
June	2.	Rev. K. J. Lange, Em. cong., Yorkville, Ill.....	110 00
	3.	Rev. C. F. Allwardt, Zion cong., Hamilton, O.	155 00
	6.	Rev. C. A. Schmith, St. Luke cong., Lol, O...	15 00
		Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector —	
	6.	Rev. O. T. J. Tressel, Trinity cong., Richmond, Ind.	10 00
	6.	Rev. E. P. Ebert, Peace cong., Greenville, O...	4 00
	6.	Rev. P. A. Pflueger, St. John cong., Enterprise, O.	26 00
	6.	Rev. A. Pflueger, St. Andrew's cong., Farmersville, O.	112 00
	6.	Rev. S. Schillinger, Salem's cong., W. Alexandria, O.	55 25
	6.	Rev. H. L. Ridenour, St. Peter cong., New Lebanon, O.....	11 00
	6.	Rev. H. L. Ridenour, Providence cong., New Lebanon, O.....	39 00
	8.	Mr. D. M. Dennis, Treas. St. Paul cong., Cardington, O., from the Daughters of St. Paul cong., Rev. M. Lauffer.....	10 00
	8.	Rev. E. Poppen, Zelienople, Pa.....	10 00
	8.	Rev. E. F. A. Dittmer, St. John cong., Carnegie, Pa.	49 00
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector —	
	8.	Rev. D. Kosche, Grace cong., Chicago, Ill.....	29 00
	8.	Rev. D. Kosche, Trinity cong., Washington, N. Chicago, Ill.	52 00

June	8.	Rev. Doermann, 1st Luth. cong., Blue Island, Ill.	154 00
	8.	Synodical Friends, Lincoln, Ill.	50 00
	12.	Rev. Doermann, 1st Luth. Cong., Blue Island, Ill.	36 00
	12.	Rev. Brockhaus, Trinity cong., Oak Lawn, Ill.	95 00
	14.	Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector —	
	14.	Rev. F. O. Schuh, Somerville cong.	200 00
	14.	Rev. F. O. Schuh, Phillipsburg cong.	40 00
	14.	Rev. M. L. Baum, Zion cong.	16 50
	14.	Rev. E. P. Ebert, Grace cong.	10 00
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector —	
	14.	Rev. Fred Ficken, Mr. H. F. Prange, Homersville, Ill.	25 00
	14.	Rev. Fred Ficken, Mr. Wm. Stockany, Homersville, Ill.	5 00
	14.	Mr. S. P. Holz, Treas. St. Peter cong., New Lebanon, O.	125 00
	14.	Rev. E. G. Spoehr, from Rose Kinsel and father, Mars, Pa.	5 00
	14.	Rev. August N. Zell, St. James cong., Greenville, O.	73 00
		Rev. M. L. Fisher, collector —	
	14.	Rev. Doermann cong., Blue Island, Ill.	10 00
	14.	Rev. F. Huber cong., Racine, Wis.	18 00
	14.	Rev. A. F. Klindworth cong., Philo, Ill.	65 00
	20.	Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Zion cong., Hamilton, O.	123 00
	20.	Rev. J. Buth cong., New Douglass, Ill.	57 50
		Rev. F. O. Schuh, collector —	
	20.	Rev. S. Schillinger, Salem cong., W. Alexandria, O.	105 00
	20.	Rev. Sheatsley, Christ cong., Columbus, O.	5 00
	20.	Miami Sunday School Association	13 05
		Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector —	
	20.	Rev. H. Schroeder, St. Paul cong., Lions, Wis.	87 00
	20.	Rev. H. Schroeder, Cross cong., Burlington, Wis.	50 00
	22.	Mr. J. A. Allman, Pittsburgh, Pa.	10 00
	22.	Rev. Schroeder, Cross cong., Lions, Wis.	2 00
	22.	Rev. F. Huber, St. Paul cong., Racine, Wis.	5 00
	22.	Rev. E. F. Schubarth, Advent cong., Milwaukee, Wis.	15 00
	22.	Rev. Geo. Beckman, Cross cong., Ixonia, Wis.	142 00
	29.	Rev. A. F. Rohr, St. Paul cong., Plain Cor., Pa.	8 50
	29.	Rev. E. P. Ebert, Grace cong., Greenville, O.	17 50
	29.	Rev. E. P. Ebert, St. Paul cong., Ansonia, O.	10 00
July	3.	Rev. M. L. Friedrich, collector —	
	3.	Rev. E. A. Giesel, Zion cong., Coraopolis, Pa.	3 00

July	3.	Rev. E. A. Giesel, Grace cong., Harvard, Ill....	39 00
	3.	Rev. E. A. Giesel, Grace cong., Platteville, Wis.	5 00
	3.	Rev. E. A. Giesel, Grace cong., Platteville, Wis.	346 00
	10.	Rev. Hugo Schmidt, Foell & Co., Middletown, O.	500 00
	10.	Rev. L. M. Baum, Zion cong., Dayton, O.....	26 00
	10.	Rev. A. W. Zell, St. John cong., Greenville, O.	112 00
	10.	Rev. L. Doering, Sask. cong., Canada.....	10 00
	10.	Rev. H. N. Brobst, St. Paul cong., Coldwater, O.	5 00
	10.	Rev. J. L. Sealing, St. Paul cong., Botkins, O.	72 00
	10.	Rev. E. C. Stellhorn, Trinity cong., St. Marys, Ohio	30 00
	10.	Rev. H. L. Ridenour, Providence cong., New Lebanon, Montgomery Co., O.....	5 00
	10.	Rev. A. F. Klindworth, Zion cong., Philo, Ill...	110 00
	10.	Rev. W. F. Frey, Peace cong., Arnheim, O....	62 00
	10.	Rev. F. J. Reitz, St. John cong., Celina, O.....	29 00
	11.	Rev. W. M. Emch, Trinity cong., Ft. Recovery, Ohio	5 00
	11.	Rev. W. M. Emch, St. Paul cong., Salamonia, Ind.	10 00
	11.	Rev. C. H. Schnepel, St. Matt. cong., Sheldon, Ind.	12 95
	11.	Rev. B. Lind, Lang, Sask., Canada.....	10 00
	11.	Miss Louise Laepple, St. Paul cong., Ridgeport, O.	5 00
	12.	Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, Zion cong., Hamilton, O.	70 00
		From Misses Pauline and Carrie Benninghoffer	500 00
	12.	Rev. H. W. Schroeder, from Aug. Ditterman, Elkhorn, Wis.	4 00
	14.	Rev. P. D. Schillinger, Eliz. Singer, Ruggan cong.	100 00
	14.	Rev. Rossop, St. Paul cong., Warren, Ill.....	67 00
	14.	Rev. Rossop, Faith cong., Watertown, Wis.....	10 00
	15.	Rev. Walter Ebert, Perrysville, Pa.....	10 00
	19.	Rev. H. N. Brobst, St. Paul cong., Coldwater, Ohio	5 00
	22.	Rev. H. Hofhenke, Zion and St. John cong., Elizabeth, Ill.	152 00
	24.	Rev. P. Brockhaus, Trinity cong., Oak Lawn, Ill.	16 00
	25.	Rev. A. Braun, St. Paul cong., Reading, O.....	150 50
	25.	Interest from Springfield National Bank.....	37 00

July	25.	No name, a member of Rev. Stein's Zion cong., Springfield, O., two 5% Municipal Bonds $500.00	1,000 00
	25.	Total Receipts	$12,436 89
	25.	Total Disbursements	$3,854 25
	25.	Balance in Treasury	$8,582 64

C. NAGEL *Treas. of the Jubilee Fund.*

Springfield, O., July 27, 1916.

We, the undersigned Committee, by the President, Dr. Schuette, have compared this report with the books of C. Nagel, Treas. of the Jubilee Fund, and found same to be correct.

D. E. GREEN,
ALBERT HAX,
Committee.

Jubilee Committee.

Committee meetings	$113 69
District managers	311 45
Solicitor Schuh	1,311 83
Solicitor Friedrich	343 28
Book Concern	328 83
Total	$2,409 08

H. W. REQUARTH, *Treas.*

REPORT OF THE GENERAL TREASURY.

From July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1916.

BRETHREN:—I have the pleasure to submit to your honorable body my fifteenth biennial report of the General Institution Treasury, which supplies funds for the following institutions: Capital University and Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio; Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; Woodville Normal School, Woodville, Ohio; Hebron Academy, Hebron, Neb.; Pacific Seminary, Spokane, Wash.; Melville Academy, Melville, Sask., Canada; Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind., and Old Folks' and Orphans' Homes, Mars, Pa. Thirty years ago Synod was conducting only three institutions.

What a change has taken place regarding the income and disbursements of thirty years ago as compared with the past two years. Dur-

ing the first term of my incumbency Synod appropriated $60,000 for expenses and received through collections only $27,859.19. During the last two years the appropriations were $89,800, the collections summed up, $93,224.43. If the expenses can be kept within the appropriations there will be a possibility of paying off the balance of the debt in a few years. At each Synodical meeting, marked progress was shown, new buildings were added and a larger teaching force employed, so that the expenses increased with the same rapidity as did the income.

It has been a trying ordeal, this thirty years of experience as Institution Treasurer, and one not familiar with the situation can hardly realize it. While it has been an experience that tries men's nerves, it has also been a pleasure to know that one has been a factor in making the great progress Synod has made in the last three decades.

Synod can congratulate itself that its communicant members have been so loyal and which made it possible not only to undertake but also with the help of Almighty God to accomplish all the undertakings in these many years. When we consider the hard times that have come and gone and that the work has never lagged, it is simply marvelous. On account of the income being necessary to pay the current expenses, nothing has been paid on the debt.

In conclusion I desire to extend my sincere thanks to the communicants and children of Joint Synod, to the President, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, and the pastors of our congregations, for the many courtesies shown and the confidence reposed in me for the past thirty years.

Following is a statement of the receipts and expenses for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. Heer, *Treas.*

Report of the General Treasury, July 1, 1914, to June 30, 1916.

Receipts.

Balance on hand July 1, 1914	$6,158 19	
Kirchenzeitung Credits — July 1, 1914 to June 30, 1916	93,224 43	
Payment of Debt Fund	2,030 39	
Scholarship Interest	19 00	
Lutheran Book Concern	8,000 00	
		$109,432 01

Disbursements.

Capital University	$22,500 00
Orphans' Home	13,000 00
Woodville	10,100 00
St. Paul, Minn.	19,750 00
Hebron, Neb.	8,700 00

Pacific Seminary	2,900 00	
Old Folks' Home	7,700 00	
Melville	6,221 10	
Dr. C. H. L. Schuette Traveling Expenses	425 27	
Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Salary	3,300 00	
Miscellaneous	742 77	
Scholarship Interest	600 00	
Orphans' Home Interest	24 00	
Capital University Interest on Funds	1,658 14	
General Interest	1,084 65	
Lutheran Book Concern, Printing Liturgies, Envelopes, Postage and Express	6,279 23	
Woodville for Water Works	1,000 00	
Orphans' Home, Return Glenville Fund	100 00	
		$106,085 16
Balance		$3,346 85

F. J. HEER, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct, July 27, 1916.

E. W. MAYER,
THEO. MEES,
Auditing Committee.

Present Standing of Debt — July, 1916.

Kamper Endowment Fund (C. U.)	$9,367 96
Kamper Endowment Fund (H. M.)	3,122 66
Kamper Endowment Fund (F. M.)	3,122 66
Steinmeyer Scholarship	800 00
H. L. Schenk	100 00
Mary A. Simon	400 00
H. Birch Fund	100 00
Urias Fink Seminary Fund	200 00
Heffner Fund (C. U.)	1,000 00
Heffner Fund (O. H.)	400 00
Buehring Fund	100 00
Meyer, H.	750 00
Susan Bricker Annuity	300 00
Wachendorf Fund, (W. & O.)	300 00
Wachendorf Fund (C. U.)	700 00
Wachendorf Fund (H. M.)	50 00
Pemberville Beneficiary Fund	500 00
E. Schmid Fund	2,000 00
Valentine Annuity Fund	500 00
Volkman Fund	3,000 00
Koch Scholarship Fund	800 00
Schwearer Scholarship Fund	800 00

Miller Fund	100 00	
Bayha Fund Annuity	1,000 00	
Luetjen Fund Annuity	1,000 00	
Scheid Fund	800 00	
Baughman Fund	800 00	
		$32,113 28

Bericht des Schatzmeisters zur Unterstützung Notleidender im Canada Distrikt.

Einnahmen.

Im ganzen bis zum 2. September 1915 erhalten	$3,836 89

Ausgaben.

Postage und Exchange für Checks	$14 55
Frachtkosten für Versandt von Kleidern	87 77
Reisekosten zu Komitee-Sitzungen	62 45
Für die verschiedenen Felder:	
Parochie Pastor Oberhammer	563 00
Parochie Pastor Schormann	112 15
Parochie Pastor Hertz	305 35
Parochie Pastor Busch	180 40
Parochie Pastor Arnsdorf	90 85
Parochie Pastor Zätschky	30 00
Parochie Prussia	11 40
Parochie Pastor Löseke	75 00
Gemeinden Winnipeg	300 00
Gemeinde Regina	355 35
Gemeinde Melville	25 00
Pastor Drews (persönlich)	300 00
Pastor J. Abs ($100 persönlich und $200 geliehen)	300 00
G. Treibe, Schuler, Alberta	25 00
Zusammen	$2,888 27
Total-Einnahmen	$3,836 89
Total-Ausgaben	2,888 27
Bilanz in der Bank	$948 62

(Gezeichnet) Joh. Fritz, Schatzm.

Regina, Sask., den 2. Sept. 1915.

Andrew Popp,
Rudolf Stelzer,
Theo. Lassen,
John Brodt.

COMMUNICATIONS.

JUBILEE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN:

At your last convention in Detroit in 1914 you appointed a "supervising committee" to direct the preparations for the Jubilee of the Reformation. The following constitute the committee: Revs. H. G. C. Schmidt, M. C. Hecht, O. T. F. Tressel, and C. F. W. Allwardt; Messrs. D. W. Heiser, Philip Reinartz, H. W. Requarth, Harry Loy, and A. H. Dornbirer.

Meetings.

Eleven meetings have been held. The first meeting was held Sept. 28, 1914, and we organized by electing Rev. H. Schmidt Pres., Rev. M. C. Hecht Vice-Pres., Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt Sec., and Mr. H. W. Requarth Treas. Mr. C. Nagel, Treasurer of Joint Synod, was appointed custodian of the Jubilee Fund by the General President, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, and the committee requested Mr. Nagel to accept the appointment.

We then extended our organization by electing a representative, a manager for each district conference; these to distribute information and literature in their conferences, to gather information for the central committee, to supervise the work in their districts, etc.

Tracts.

A series of tracts was outlined and the subjects assigned to capable writers. The subjects are:

1. The condition of church and state before Luther.
2. Luther, the man of the hour.
3. The 95 theses, the spark that kindled the fire.
4. The question at issue.
5. The weapon of warfare.
6. The warriors, Luther and his colleagues.
7. The open Bible, the best gift of the Reformation.
8. The Reformation and Christian education.
9. The freedom of conscience, speech, and the press.
10. Christ re-enthroned by the Reformation.
11. A monument that will endure — The Church Building Fund.
12. Our Jubilee Offering.

These tracts were published in German and English and offered for distribution free of cost. The first returns called for 50,000 German and 65,000 English copies. Later additional orders made new editions necessary; of some 75,000 were published.

Solicitors.

The Honorable Joint Synod adopted the committee's report which said: "We recommend the appointment of a supervising committee and special solicitors to procure the desired Jubilee Fund." Synod appointed the supervising committee but made no provision for the appointment of special solicitors. Your committee was of the opinion that the pastors and their church councils would do this work well, if they were thoroughly interested and instructed. When the committee made this known in the church papers we were reminded of Synod's desire to have solicitors. Our church papers, conferences, individual pastors and also our General President advised the immediate appointment of several solicitors. The matter was taken up Jan. 18, 1915, in the presence of the General President.

Our efforts were not very successful at first. We finally secured Rev. F. O. Schuh, Canal Winchester, Ohio, who promised to devote two years to this work, if need be. His territory extends from the Illinois line east, comprising the Western, Northern, English, Eastern, and Concordia districts. He has met with good success, as may be seen from the reports in the church papers.

Rev. M. L. Friedrich, Luckey, Ohio, was secured for Illinois and Wisconsin, to work during the months of May to October, 1916. He, too, has been meeting with success.

Another man declared his readiness to devote several months to this work, if we have need of his services.

Other districts — Texas, Kansas-Nebraska, Washington, and Canada — have divided their territory into small districts and appointed committees to see that proper collections are made.

Envelopes and pledge cards have been prepared for those who have need of them. They are for free distribution.

Programs.

The central committee has made some efforts to supply lecturers and stereopticon views, but thus far there has been no call for them. In the near future programs for the special services will be outlined, especially for the parish and Sunday-schools,

The Church Papers.

At the solicitation of your committee able men are regularly supplying the church papers with articles on the Reformation.

Finances.

At its last convention Synod failed to make an appropriation for the committee. Dr. Schuette supplied funds which, however, have been refunded. We pay our bills monthly, but still owe the Book Concern $1,710.33.

The Use of the Jubilee Fund.

Repeatedly we have been asked how the fund will be used, whether only the interest or a part of the capital or all will be loaned to needy congregations. Your committee expects this convention to take suitable action on this question.

May the Lord richly bless this convention and the deliberations on the celebration of the Jubilee to the welfare of His kingdom and the glory of His name.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. W. ALLWARDT, *Sec.*

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CANADIAN DISTRICT OF THE EV. LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

We beg leave to submit the following:

1. The Board organized itself Sept. 22, 1914, electing the following officers: Chairman, Rev. C. Pohlmann, Melville, Sask.; Secretary, Rev. J. Fritz, Regina, Sask.

2. Two meetings were held.

3. We ask Joint Synod whether it is advisable to have the property of Luther Academy at Melville, Sask., deeded to the Board of Management, although a debt of over $6,000.00 is still against the institution.

4. That Luther Academy may be exempt from general taxation it is necessary to take out a charter from the Provincial Government. This will require a deposit of one hundred dollars, which, as we are informed, will be refunded.

5. We ask which of the Board is in duty bound to administer bequests and donations made to Luther Academy.

6. The time of office of the following members has expired: Rev. J. Fritz, Regina, Sask., Mr. Dan. Kuss, Neudorf, Sask.

Fraternally,

JOHN FRITZ, *Sec.*

FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CANADIAN DISTRICT OF THE EV. LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

The Board of Management of the Canadian District of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, elected at the meeting of Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States in Detroit, Mich., Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 1914, and consisting of the Revs. C. Pohlmann of Melville, Sask., J. Fritz of Regina, Sask., and the Messrs. John Brodt of Regina, Sask., and Daniel Kuss, Neudorf, Sask., together with Rev. G. Gehrke, president of the Canada District, member ex-officio, met at Melville, Sask., Sept. 22, 1914, for its first meeting.

The Board organized with the election of the following officers: Chairman, Rev. C. Pohlmann, Melville, Sask.; Financial Secretary, Rev. J. Fritz, Regina, Sask.

Moved by Rev. G. Gehrke and seconded by Rev. J. Fritz that the Board adopt as rules and regulations to govern the Board of Management the rules adopted by Joint Synod at its convention in Detroit, Mich., 1914. Page 9 of the President's report.

Resolved to purchase a blank book for the purpose of recording the proceedings and keeping the accounts of the Board.

Adopted to accept the seal purchased by Rev. L. Tank as the official seal of this Board and that an imprint be appended to these Minutes. The price of the seal is $5.00.

After the above minutes were read and adopted, the Board adjourned upon motion of Rev. J. Fritz, being seconded by Rev. G. Gehrke.

JOH. FRITZ, *Fin. Sec.*

WESTERN DISTRICT.

1. As to merging our Zeitblaetter-Magazine with the Kirchliche Zeitschrift of the Iowa Synod, we deem the time not yet here for such a step to be taken.

2. Regarding the plan to appoint a General Synodical Treasurer, resolved, That we agree with other Districts that such a General Treasurer be appointed, if possible, not an active pastor, that he be a member of the Administration Board and that his term of office be longer than two years.

3. With reference to the recommendation of the Minnesota District to Joint Synod that certain changes be made in regard to the disbursement of the Board of Aids funds, resolved:

a) We cannot approve of points (a) and (b), because they provide for the payment of the same sum to all, whether really in need or not.

c) As to the whole plan, we recommend that we abide by the present system, and urge all pastors and congregations to support this treasury liberally.

4. Resolved, That of the principal of the Jubilee offering not to exceed $5,000.00 be loaned from the Building Fund to mission congregations annually, and that the residue be used as an interest-bearing fund.

5. Resolved, That we agree with the Northern District, that one-half of the sum of $7,000, turned over to the Board of Aids Treasury by the Book Concern, be used for the direct support of beneficiaries of this treasury, and that the other half be used as an interest-bearing fund.

6. Resolved, That we petition Joint Synod to authorize the treasurer of the Board of Aids to borrow money if necessary to pay obligations already assumed, if he have no such authority already, but not to borrow money to assume new obligations.

7. In regard to the rule of Joint Synod, according to which a promise is exacted from mission organizations desiring support that, in case they should at any time withdraw from Joint Synod, they will refund to the Mission Board the money they have received by way of support. Resolved, That we petition Joint Synod to reconsider the rule re-affirmed at its last session, with a view to its modification.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

1. In compliance with the request of the honorable Joint Synod we have carefully considered the proposals submitted by the Western District, touching on the Lodge Question and while we are in agreement with some of the items therein contained, yet it is the sense of the Eastern District that the present position of Synod in the matter of dealing with the sin of lodgery is adequate in all cases, and we would embrace this opportunity to urge anew upon all pastors and congregations the importance of a faithful application of Synod's rule according to Matth. 18.

2. With reference to the establishment of a joint treasury the District resolved as follows: Upon the whole we approve the plan of a general treasurer, with the following provisions: He shall be a member and the treasurer of the Board of Administration and be under the supervision of that body. He shall not be elected from among those who are engaged in the active ministry. He shall be elected for a term longer than two years.

3. As regards the consolidation of our *Theological Magazine* with that of Iowa it was resolved after careful consideration that we favor the plan of such a consolidation.

4. With reference to the resolution of the Minnesota District, regarding moneys of the Aid's treasury, which are now in the Book

Concern, bearing interest which flows into that treasury, it was resolved that we uphold the resolution of Joint Synod, and that

With reference to the use of the money of the Board of Aids Treasury no change be made.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

See German Report.

ENGLISH DISTRICT.

1. The English District respectfully petitions the Honorable Joint Synod to establish a Practical Seminary Course as soon as possible.

2. That we as a District heartily endorse the plan to consolidate the Zeitblaetter-Magazine with the Theological Magazine of the Iowa Synod.

3. We as a District favor the plan by which all treasuries of the Joint Synod will be under the management of one treasurer.

4. In response to a communication from one District recommending that the prospective Jubilee Offering be placed in the Church Building Fund for immediate use, we recommend to Joint Synod that not more than $10,000.00 be placed at the disposal of the Church Building Board to be used according to the rules and the regulations of the Board.

5. In response to a communication from one District, recommending that the annual appropriation of $5,000.00 of the profits of the Lutheran Book Concern for the Board of Aids treasury be allowed to flow into the Board of Aids treasury for immediate use, instead of being placed as an Endowment Fund, we recommend that $2,500.00 of the Book Concern profits be allowed to flow into the Board of Aids treasury, annually, for immediate use and that $2,500.00 flow annually into an Endowment Fund.

6. We concur with the Board of our institutions of mercy at Mars, Pa., in petitioning Joint Synod to increase the entrance fee to the Old Folks' Home.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

1. We favor the establishment of a Pension Treasury. Necessary rules and regulations for the management of this treasury are to be drafted by a committee appointed by Joint Synod.

2. We recommend that all treasuries be united under the management of one treasurer.

3. We recommend that Joint Synod and all the districts adopt one line of procedure in dealing with the lodge evil, but we doubt whether all rules and regulations recommended by the Western District are practicable.

4. We cannot recommend the consolidation of our Zeitblaetter-Magazine with the Theological Magazine of the Iowa Synod.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

1. We recommend that the consolidation of our "Theol. Zeitblätter" with "Kirchl. Zeitschrift" of the honorable Iowa Synod be rejected.

2. We petition Joint Synod to place on interest only so much of the Jubilee collection for the Building Fund as cannot be used to direct advantage in our mission fields.

3. *Resolved,* That we inform Joint Synod that we can work with cheer for the Jubilee collection only under the presupposition that the fund itself, and not merely the interest thereon, shall be used for the Building Fund.

4. We petition Joint Synod to have the principal of $7,000 of the profits of the Book Concern, the interest of which at present goes to the Board of Aids, paid directly into this treasury.

5. WHEREAS, A great need for a Home for the Aged is felt here in the Northwest, therefore the Minnesota District petitions Joint Synod to take over for that purpose the Hospital and Old Folks' Home at Springfield, Minn., despite the debts thereon.

6. *Resolved,* That we do not accept the proposition of Western District regarding the treatment of lodge members, for the reason that we regard the execution as altogether too bothersome and improbable of being carried into general effect, and for the further reason that the entire manner as proposed has, in our opinion, to express it mildly, too much semblance of legality.

7. *Resolved* That we will insist that each one of our pastors and ordained professors who are elected delegates to Joint Synod are entitled to vote.

CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

1. *Resolved,* That the plan submitted to Joint Synod and referred by it to the districts, by which all treasuries will be under the management of one treasurer, be approved by us in its general outline and recommended to Joint Synod.

2. *Resolved,* That we recommend that the proposed candidates for this office be not taken from the ranks of the active ministry.

3. *Resolved,* That we recommend that the term of office of such a treasurer be not less than six years, and that he be placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Administration.

4. *Resolved,* That we favor the proposed consolidation of the two magazines. President Doermann requested that his vote in the negative be recorded.

5. *Resolved,* That our end and aim in regard to the lodge evil is the same as that of the paper referred to us by Joint Synod.

6. *Resolved,* That we reaffirm the position of Joint Synod, viz.: "The rule among us must be and ever remain, that members of secret societies cannot be received as members of our congregations, nor that

they may hold membership in the latter and be admitted to the Holy Supper for a time indefinitely prolonged." Joint Synod Minutes, 1888.

7. *Resolved*, That we will insist that each one of our pastors and congregations act in accordance with this resolution and where necessary proceed according to St. Matthew, 18:15-18.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

1. Touching the Board of Aids, our district is not in favor of the proposition of the Minnesota District, but wishes the present system retained with the understanding that every pastor of Joint Synod give the same his hearty support.

2. As regards the consolidation of the Theological Magazines of the Ohio and Iowa Synods, the opinion and resolution of the district is in favor of the same.

3. The district also passed a resolution, favoring the administration of all synodical treasuries by one man, providing this person is not taken from the active ministry.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

See German Report.

TEXAS DISTRICT.

1. We recommend the plan by which all treasuries will be under the management of one treasury.

2. The Synod cannot recommend the plan of the Minnesota District concerning the Board of Aids.

3. We recommend the consolidation of our Zeitblätter Magazine with the Theological Magazine of the Iowa Synod.

CANADA DISTRICT.

1. We petition Joint Synod to allow this district $300.00 in order that with this sum part of the books of the deceased president of our district, Geo. Gehrke, be bought for a library in our Academy at Melville, Sask., in memory of our deceased president and in appreciation of the self-denying work which the deceased has done for the Synod.

2. That the Canada District is not in favor of merging the Theological Magazines of the Synods of Ohio and Iowa.

3. That the district is against the creation of a general treasury as proposed at last meeting of Joint Synod.

THE MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Resolved unanimously to earnestly petition Joint Synod to make arrangements for a pension treasury to take the place of the present plan conducted by the Board of Aids.

NORTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

1. We would herewith voice our protest against the advertising and offering for sale of individual communion cups by the Lutheran Book Concern.

In view of this protest we, herewith, petition the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States to cause such advertising and offering for sale on the part of our Lutheran Book Concern to cease by adopting such measures as can prevent their being continued. The advertisements, continuing unchallenged, convey the impression to our people that the individual communion cups have the full approval of the Synod, which circumstances makes it still more difficult for pastors to combat the introduction of this innovation in our congregations.

2. *Resolved*, That we herewith memorialize the Hon. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States, as a fitting memorial and needed advancement of the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, to take effective measures for the enlargement and improvement otherwise of our official literary organs or periodicals, the *Lutheran Standard* and *Kirchenzeitung*, making them more nearly than they are at present what such organs, as representatives of so large and important a religious organization, according to present demands and standards, ought to be.

MIAMI VALLEY LOCAL CONFERENCE.

We petition the Board of Wernle Orphans' Home and Joint Synod to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Wernle's Orphanage to one thousand dollars per annum.

GRACE LUTHERAN SANATORIUM, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

In gratitude to the Lord who has called and permitted us to serve Him in those of our brethren who are afflicted with the dread disease of tuberculosis, we hereby submit to you a brief report on the work and finances of our institution for the last two years.

Work of the Sanatorium, July 1, 1914, to July 1, 1916.

Our Patients.

Patients in the institution July 1, 1914		17
Patients admitted		149
Men	95	
Women	71	
Total patients		166
Total nursing days		17,193

Their Religious Creeds.

Lutheran, 23; Methodist, 36; Catholic, 24; Christian, 11; Presbyterian, 9; Baptist, 8; Episcopal, 8; Hebrew, 6; no religion, 41.

Their Home States.

Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 10; District of Columbia, 1; Georgia, 1; Illinois, 11; Indiana, 4; Iowa, 6; Kansas, 1; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 10; Michigan, 1; Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 4; Missouri, 8; Nebraska, 1; New York, 2; Ohio, 7; Oklahoma, 9; Oregon, 2; Pennsylvania, 3; South Dakota, 3; Tennessee, 4; Texas, 66; Virginia, 1; Washington, 1; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 2; Republic of Mexico, 2.

Result of Treatment.

Fifty-three patients were transient (in institutions less than one month); 27 left greatly improved; 25 improved; 25 unimproved; 19 died; 17 are in sanatorium July 1, 1916.

The Charity Work

of these two years amounts to $6,503.00. Of this amount $3,095.05 were received by donations and $1,531.46 from the sale of Christmas Seals, while $1,873.49 were furnished by the institution.

Indebtedness.

The debt has been reduced from $9,400 to $4,364.79.

The Spiritual Care of the Patients

was looked after as much as possible by the superintendent. Since he is in charge of a congregation, however, he could not give nearly as much time to this important part of the work as it should receive.

A Word of Appreciation.

Our pastors and people are evidently in sympathy with this work for consumptives and very willing to support it. This appears from their prompt response to every presentation of need and the welcome extended to the Christmas Seals offered last year for the benefit of the institution. We wish to express our gratitude to all who have assisted us.

Our Request.

We would kindly ask Synod to invite our church societies to remember this work of charity, the need of which is constantly becoming more apparent, and especially to recommend to our people the purchase of our Lutheran Christmas Seals during the holiday season. We feel certain that, if this is done, the donations for this work will not interfere with those for other causes of Synod, and we will receive means enough at least to take care of the most urgent and deserving cases which come to us out of our own synod. May the love of Christ move us to show mercy to our afflicted brethren.

Finances of the Sanatorium.

Administration Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance July 1, 1914	$665 85	
Donations for debt	4,000 00	
Donations for charity	3,095 05	
Christmas Seals	1,531 46	
From patients	41,901 39	
Deficit July 1, 1916	964 79	
		$52,158 54

EXPENSES.

Provisions	$17,973 26	
Drugs and chemicals	1,753 22	
Salaries	8,967 74	
Wages	7,125 73	
Laundry	863 50	
Milk and butter	3,232 83	
Advertising	1,107 98	
Postage	316 85	
Printing	627 35	
Equipment	1,129 74	
Buildings and improvements	1,025 15	
Debts cancelled	6,000 00	
Interest	1,481 96	
Taxes	553 23	
		$52,158 54

DEBT ACCOUNT.

Indebtedness July 1, 1914	$14,400 00
Obligations cancelled	6,000 00
Notes outstanding	$8,400 00
Deficit in administration account	964 79
Total	$9,364 79

Less value of farm	5,000 00
Net indebtedness July 1, 1916	$4,364 79

Very respectfully yours,

GRACE LUTHERAN SANATORIUM BOARD.

LORENTS HANSEN, *President.*
HERMAN H. OCHS, *Secretary.*
PAUL F. HEIN, *Superintendent.*
NIC. PETERS,
AD. F. RICHTER.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL AND OLD FOLKS' HOME, SPRINGFIELD, MINNESOTA.

1. Prompted by a Resolution of the Minnesota District the St. John's Old Folks' Home and Hospital Association of Springfield, Minn., respectfully begs leave to petition your Honorable Body to admit and adopt our St. John's Hospital and Old Folks' Home as an Old Folks' Home of Joint Synod. A resolution to that effect was unanimously passed by the Association in a special meeting on July 10, 1916.

Our property consists of a brick building erected in 1901 at an approximate cost of $15,000, with modern improvements, and ten acres of land; the whole property representing a present total value of not less than $18,000.

This institution was originally planned as a hospital, with a view of establishing in connection a Lutheran Deaconesses' Home and inaugurating Deaconesses Work in our Synod. The Rev. J. G. Appel having removed two years ago, the institution was entrusted to our management. The great number of inquiries and applications for admission addressed to our Old Folks' Home Department made it apparent that there is an actual need of an Old Folks' Home in the Northwest and convinced us that we ought to devote our institution chiefly to this line of Christian benevolence. Through a lack of funds we were enabled to receive only four persons these two years. One of them is a lady from St. Paul, eighty years old, without relatives and without means of subsistence whom the "Little Sisters of the Poor" of the Roman Church were on the point of admitting into their Home. As we had a room we did not wish to refuse her request and trusting in the Lord's help we admitted her. Trinity Lutheran Congregation of the Minnesota District at St. Paul, interested in this old lady's case, although she was their member, paid us $200 as a contribution for her keep.

Another person we received as an inmate of our Home is also an aged lady, from the congregation of our Rev. Proehl at Cicero, Wis.

Through the efforts of some relatives who were anxious to get possession of her money she had been committed to an asylum for the insane. Rev. Proehl and one of the officers of his church succeeded in obtaining her release and had her brought to our Home. She paid us $500.

The Rev. H. Fischer, who has served in the Lutheran Ministry for over fifty years, and his wife have also made our institution their home. He has conveyed to our Home forty acres of land near Staples, Minn., which we now hold.

Besides the above named there are three more inmates in our Home who entered prior to our taking charge of the management in June, 1914.

The $700 received from the first two inmates above mentioned found debts totaling about $13,000. It was not a pleasant task we had undertaken but we considered it our duty not to allow this institution, which was founded by Lutherans, to be turned over to Catholics. Trusting in the Lord's help we entered upon our duties. And the Lord certainly did help past praying and understanding. A call for aid addressed to pastors and congregations in our District was answered by collections amounting to $262.40. Still we were enabled to reduce our debt, so that at present it amounts to $6,594.26. This was made possible by the earnings of our Hospital Department and donations from our local congregation and some of our members. On Trinity Sunday our Springfield Congregation canceled a debt of our institution of $630. Aside from the fact that our debt now amounts to only about one-half of the original debt we may mention that we own the forty acres deeded to us by Rev. H. Fischer, which might be sold even now for from $1,000 to $1,200. There is a good prospect that we may obtain from another inmate of our Home title to forty acres of land valued at $4,000. This would pay almost our entire debt. Of course, we are in need of a fund the interest of which could be used for the keeping of the old people. Since we were paying 8% interest on the debt, we have thought it best to use the $700 received from the two ladies above mentioned in paying part of that debt.

2. For the balance of debt, which is $6,594.26, several of the members of the Association are personally liable, having given their own personal notes to the bank, not Trustee's notes. Before our institution could become the property of Joint Synod a way must be found to liquidate this debt at the State Bank of Springfield, Minn., preferably out of some interest-bearing fund of Joint Synod. We would respectfully pray that Joint Synod assume liability for this debt.

3. If it be the pleasure of Joint Synod to make this institution a synodical institution, we would respectfully ask leave to continue the Hospital Department on a small scale. We are already equipped for the work and have the facilities, such as a fine operating room, beds, etc.

A Hospital Department for which only the upper floor need be reserved would be of great advantage to our old people. They would be cared for in sickness and have physicians' services free of charge. Moreover, the receipts of the Hospital Department would help greatly in keeping apportionments for the Old Folks' Home at lowest figures. This seems to be certain considering the fact that the sum of nearly $6,000 paid on the original debt within the last two years represents for the greater part earnings of the Hospital Department.

This petition is herewith respectfully submitted to Joint Synod for and in behalf of the St. John's Old Folks' Home and Hospital Association.

By the Executive Board.

Wm. von Fischer, *President.*
Phil. Scharmann, *Secretary.*
Ferd. Kettner, *Treasurer.*
Louis Lehne.
Ed. A. Bauch.

P. S. We attach the Incorporation Papers and copies of the Statutes of our Institution.

Minutes of the Forty-Third Convention

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod

Of Ohio and Other States

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

The Preliminary Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, elected for this, the eleventh delegate body, met in Zion's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sandusky, Ohio, (Rev. Theo. J. C. Stellhorn, pastor), at 9:00 A. M., August 22, 1916, and was opened by the President, the Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., with appropriate divine services.

The names of the delegates elected to serve on the Preliminary Committee are the following:

1. *Western District*: Pastors Em. Poppen, Adam Braun and F. J. Schellhase; Messrs. Fred. Nagel, Gottlieb Grau and H. Koehler.

2. *Eastern District*: Pastors A. R. Salzwedel and Adolf Ebert; Messrs. Adolf Braun and Louis Glueck.

3. *Northern District*: Pastors J. M. Johanssen, W. A. Bowman and H. Kopanko; Messrs. Karl Bauch and Christian Westphahl.

4. *Minnesota District*: Pastors George Diemer, Prof. Wm. Schmidt and Wm. Ganschow; Messrs. Dr. Henry W. Ernst and Carl Jolitz.

5. *Wisconsin District*: Pastors H. Eisenbach and W. Steinmeyer; Messrs. Gustavus Voigt and Rudolf Meyer.

6. *Washington District*: Pastors G. Koehler and Ernest Schneppe; Messrs. A. H. Gates and Emil Heintze.

7. *Kansas-Nebraska District*: Pastors J. Weber and F. W. Gahre; Messrs. Ernst Pohlmann and Herman F. Voigts.

8. *Texas District*: Pastors N. Frueh and C. W. Bachmann; Prof. O. A. Pfeiffer.

9. *English District*: Pastors R. E. Golladay, W. E. Schramm and J. Sittler; Messrs. Philip Herrnstein, G. C. Horst and S. Klingensmith.

10. *Concordia District*: Pastors J. C. Felger and J. H. W. Hoerr; Messrs. E. Johannesen and R. M. Bumgarner.

11. *Canada District*: Pres. J. Fritz.

All reports and business of Synod were then handed over by the Hon. President to different sub-committees for consideration and action. Before the reports were brought before Synod

they were carefully considered by the entire Preliminary Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

I. *Organization and Missions:*

Pastors H. Eisenbach, A. Braun, W. Ganschow, J. Hoerr, J. Weber, J. C. Felger, G. Diemer; Messrs. K. Bauch, O. A. Pfeiffer, Carl Jolitz, A. H. Gates and Emil Heintze. Advisory: Pastors E. F. W. Stellhorn, Prof. E. Pfeiffer, D. D., Prof. K. Hemminghaus and Prof. H. Schmidt; Teachers H. Rupp and H. Hennigs.

II. *Institutions of Learning and President's Address:*

Pastors W. E. Schramm, R. E. Golladay, J. M. Johanssen, E. Schneppe and F. J. Schellhase; Messrs. E. Johannesen, G. C. Horst, L. Glueck and H. Koehler. Advisory: Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, Dr. H. Ernst, President Otto Mees, Prof. C. Vogel, Pastors A. G. Bergener, C. Pohlmann, J. Fritz, A. C. Ernst and C. F. W. Allwardt, and teachers P. J. Springer and J. H. Scharnberg.

III. *Nominations and Varia:*

Pastors J. F. C. Soller, C. C. Hein, H. P. Dannecker, M. P. Doermann, Wm. von Fischer, W. F. H. Kerl, P. Groschupf, W. Steinmann, M. R. Walter, J. E. A. Doermann and J. Fritz.

IV. *Finances and Eleemosynary Institutions:*

Pastors Em. Poppen, J. Sittler, W. A. Bowman, G. Koehler, Adolf Ebert and Prof. Wm. Schmidt; Messrs. S. Klingensmith, G. Voigt, H. W. Ernst, M. D., G. Grau, F. J. Heer and C. H. L. Schuette. Advisory: Prof. P. H. Buehring and Pastors C. V. Sheatsley and H. Specht.

V. *Publications and 1917 Jubilee:*

Pastors R. A. Salzwedel, H. Kopanko, F. W. Gahre, W. Steinmeyer, C. W. Bachman and N. Frueh; Messrs. Ad. Braun, P. Herrnstein, F. Nagel, E. Pohlmann and C. Westphahl. Advisory: Dr. R. C. H. Lenski, Pastor A. J. Feeger, Mr. A. H. Dornbirer and Prof. H. K. G. Doermann.

Forty-Third Convention

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod

of Ohio and Other States

The Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States met in its forty-third convention, the eleventh as a delegate body, at Sandusky, Ohio, in the Ev. Lutheran Zion's Church, (the Rev. Theo. J. C. Stellhorn, pastor), from the 24th to 30th of August, 1916.

The congregation of the Rev. C. H. Herrnstein assisted in furnishing free lodging places for the delegates and guests.

The convention was opened on Thursday morning, August 24th, at 10:00 o'clock, with divine services conducted by President C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., whose sermon was based on II Cor. 12:14-16.

The organization of the convention was effected by the calling of the roll and the reception of the credentials of delegates.

There were present during the convention 100 delegates: namely, 57 pastors, 36 lay-delegates, and 7 teachers.

Also 35 advisory members and 80 guests, making a grand total of 215 persons.

The members are distributed among the various Districts as follows:

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.

Em. Poppen, Grove City, Ohio.
Adam Braun, Reading, Ohio.
A. W. Zell, Greenville, Ohio.
A. J. Klindworth, Philo, Ill.
H. N. Brobst, Coldwater, Ohio.
W. Grabemann, Jasper, Ind.
F. J. Schellhase, Mt. Healthy, Ohio.

Lay Delegates.

Fred Nagel, Columbus, Ohio.
Gottlieb Grau, Anna, Ohio.
*H. Miller, Middletown, Ohio.
H. J. Dersch, Evansville, Ind.
August Frahm, Celina, Ohio.
*Henry Koehler, Pomeroy, Ohio.

* Absent.

Teachers.

E. Wenzel, Marysville, O.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.

L. O. Burry, Castle Shannon, Pa.
W. J. Schoman, Canton, Ohio.
Adolf Ebert, Sr., Pittsburgh, Pa.
R. A. Salzwedel, N. Tonawanda, N. Y.

Lay Delegates.

Adolph Braun, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Louis Glueck, Youngstown, Ohio.
Charles Kretzer, Wildwood, Pa.
Jacob Betz, Jr., Baltimore, Md.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.

W. A. Bowman, Fremont, Ohio.
J. M. Johanssen, Pemberville, Ohio.
H. Kopanko, Payne, Ohio.
S. W. Mautz, Cleveland, Ohio.
Ph. Dielmann, Sulphur Springs, O.
M. C. Philipp, Bridgewater, Mich.
C. Bez, Detroit, Mich.
L. F. Mittler, Dearborn, Mich.
A. L. Burmann, Toledo, Ohio.
H. Luetjen, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Lay Delegates.

F. Ruehrmund, Cardington, Ohio.
G. F. Mehl, Norwalk, Ohio.
Karl Bauch, Oak Harbor, Ohio.
Albert Reitzel, Dowling, Ohio.
Christian Westphahl, Sheldon, Ind.
Theo. Gaertner, Dundee, Mich.
*W. Eick, Detroit, Mich.

Teachers.

J. F. Raether, Detroit, Mich.
H. Rupp, Saginaw, Mich.
Prof. C. Vogel, Woodville, Ohio.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

Pastors.

M. Pilz, Wausau, Wis.
J Ehmke, Marion, Wis.
H. Eisenbach, Oconto, Wis.
George Beckmann, Ixonia, Wis.
J Ebert, Madison, Wis.
H. Telthorster, Flanagan, Ill.
W. Steinmeyer, Sr., Chicago, Ill.

Lay Delegates.

Gustavus Voigts, Loyal, Wis.
Rudolph Meyer, Oshkosh, Wis.
Henry J. Prange, Hornsby, Ill.

Teachers.

A. F. Lorenzen, Oshkosh, Wis.
J. H. Scharnberg, Michigan City, Ind.

* Absent.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

Pastors.

Prof. W. Schmidt, St. Paul, Minn.
E. Ahl, Princeton, Minn.
G. Diemer, Brownton, Minn.
W. Zibell, Lucan, Minn.
W. Ganschow, Wells, Minn.
H. W. Schoenlein, Grimes, Iowa.
W. Striepe, Merrill, Iowa.
J. Bohnhoff, Valley City, N. Dak.
E. Welke, Madison, S. Dak.
Theo. Hennigs, Plevna, Mont.

Lay Delegates.

D. Alfs, LeMars, Iowa.
Carl Jolitz, West Duluth, Minn.
Henry W. Ernst, M. D., St. Paul, Minn.
Gottlieb Arndt, Springfield, Minn.

Teacher.

*H. Hennigs, LeMars, Iowa.

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

Pastors.

J. Weber, Hubbell, Neb.
F. W. Gahre, Wilson, Kansas.
W. H. Loeske, Denver, Colo.

Lay Delegates.

Ernst Pohlmann, Hebron, Neb.
Herman F. Voigts, Lenexa, Kas.

Teacher.

P. G. Springer, Bruning, Neb.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Pastors.

Ernst Schneppe, Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.
G. Koehler, Salem, Ore.
A. Minnemann, Walla Walla, Wash.

Lay Delegates.

John Baumann, Spokane, Wash.
A. H. Gates, Endicott, Wash.
Emil Heintze, Santa Ana, Cal.

TEXAS DISTRICT.

Pastors.

Nicholas Frueh, Seguin, Texas.
C. W. Bachman, New Orleans, La.

Lay Delegates.

Prof. O. A. Pfeiffer, San Antonio, Texas.

* Absent.

ENGLISH DISTRICT.

Pastors.

R. E. Golladay, Columbus, Ohio.
W. E. Schramm, Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. Sittler, Delaware, Ohio.
A. M. Pence, Arcanum, Ohio.
L. F. Meyer, Canton, Ohio.
A. K. Boerger, Lima, Ohio.
A. M. Wagner, Cleveland, Ohio.

Lay Delegates.

Philip Herrnstein, Circleville, Ohio.
G. C. Horst, Columbus, Ohio.
S. Klingensmith, Warren, Ohio.
*Dr. A. Kemper, Richmond, Ind.
Jacob Koch, New Waterford, Ohio.
E. H. Shook, Akron, Ohio.
John Motz, Jelloway, Ohio.

CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

Pastors.

J. C. Felger, Baltimore, Md.
S. H. Puffenberger, Derwood, Md.
J. H. W. Hoerr, Woodlawn, Md.

Lay Delegates.

E. Johannesen, Baltimore, Md.
T. Floyd Rexrode, Franklin, W. Va.
R. M. Bumgarner, Hickory, N. C.

CANADA DISTRICT.

J. Fritz, Regina, Sask.

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English District — Rev. M. R. Walter, Gahanna, Ohio.
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Prof. P. H. Buehring, Hebron Academy, Hebron, Neb.
Prof. H. H. Schmidt, Luther Academy, Melville, Sask.
Rev. H. Specht, Warden of Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind.
*Rev. E. G. Spoehr, Superintendent Old Folks' Home, Mars, Pa.

Theological Professors.

F. W. Stellhorn, D. D., Columbus, O.
*G. H. Schodde, Ph. D., Columbus, O.
E. Pfeiffer, D. D., Columbus, O.
*Theo. Mees, Ph. D., Columbus, O.
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H. K. G. Doermann, St. Paul, Minn.

Manager of Book Concern.

Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, Columbus, O.

*Absent.

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Rev. A. S. Schultz.
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G. A. Hein.
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Mr. H. Dapper.
Mr. G. R. Wannemacher.
Mr. H. E. Knostman.
Mr. Student Groschupf.
Mr. John Schmidt.

BUSINESS OF SYNOD.

The business of Synod was transacted in twelve sessions, each being opened with divine services. The morning services were conducted in German by Rev. Adolf Ebert, those of the afternoon in English by Rev. R. E. Golladay.

As Organist — Teacher F. Wiechert officiated, assisted by Teacher J. H. Scharnberg.

As reporters for the *Kirchenzeitung* and *Standard* the respective editors-in-chief were designated. Rev. H. W. Schoenlein was elected as reporter for the English papers in Sandusky, and Rev. H. Eisenbach for the German.

TIME OF SESSIONS.

9:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Thursday, Organization and Missions.

Friday, Educational Institutions.

Saturday, Nominations and Varia.

Monday, Finances and Eleemosynary Institutions.

Tuesday, Publication Matters.

Wednesday, Unfinished Business.

Resolved, That Synod shall not deviate from this Order of Business unless it is demanded by three-fourths of the members present.

Resolved, That no one shall speak more than twice on the same motion, nor more than five minutes at one time.

REPORTS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE

AND

ACTION OF THE SYNOD ON THE SAME

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

(Official Reports, pp. 1-10.)

REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

I. Practical Seminary Course.

(O. R. pp. 1-5.)

1. We are in full agreement with the General President that conditions confronting us make necessary the reestablishment of a practical seminary course.

2. Recognizing, however, the difficulty of finding a proper corrective, we propose two methods: either (a) the establishment of a new practical seminary, or (b) the establishment of a practical course in the already existing institutions. We recommend the latter.

Action of Synod on the Foregoing Items.

The question involved was discussed at considerable length, stress being laid on the fact that we are under obligations to provide not only a thorough theoretical course for those who can devote the necessary time to complete it, but also a shorter course for those whose advanced age or lack of means renders it impossible for them to spend ten or more years in preparation for the work of the ministry, but who are anxious to devote the remainder of their lives to the preaching of the Gospel and the pastoral office. Many a young or older man is deterred from entering the seminary and the ministry when he is told that so many years must be devoted to preparatory studies. The result of the discussion was that item 1 was adopted. The preamble and first alternative of item 2 were struck out, while the second was unanimously adopted.

II. Federation of Lutheran Churches.

(O. R. pp. 5-9.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

With reference to the proposed Lutheran Federation we recommend:

(a) That the work set on foot shall be continued.

(b) That your honorable body approve the constitution.

(c) That your Committee on Nominations propose candidates from which 7 clerical and 7 lay-delegates may be selected to attend the meeting to be held in 1917. We recommend further that the expenses of our delegates be met from the treasury of Synod.

The Committee on Nominations is to furnish a list of 14 pastors and 14 laymen from which the delegates to the meeting of the Federation are to be chosen, the list to be printed on the official ballot.

III. Jubilee of the Reformation.

(President's Report, p. 9, § 2.)

Communication of Jubilee Committee. (O. R. pp. 98-100.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We move that, if necessary, two hours of Tuesday afternoon's session be devoted to the discussion of matters pertaining to the Jubilee of 1917.

2. *Resolved*, That our Synod hold a Jubilee Mass Meeting in Columbus, O., in 1917, as follows:

a. That this meeting be attended by the Eastern, Western, Northern, English, Concordia, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas-Nebraska Districts and that they hold their 1917 district meetings at Columbus, O., beginning with the 1st Wednesday in September.

b. That the other Districts hold their usual district meetings at the usual time, but be invited to send representatives to the Mass Meeting.

c. That the Jubilee celebration proper take place Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Monday evening of the week of meeting.

d. That the congregations in Columbus, O., be requested to provide free lodgings for the delegations from the Kansas-Nebraska, the Minnesota, the Wisconsin and Concordia Districts.

e. That two-thirds of the traveling and lodging expenses of the delegations of the other districts be paid by the congregations sending delegations and one-third by the respective Districts.

f. That the Columbus Local Conference be appointed a Committee of Arrangements for the Mass Meeting.

3. We suggest that if the Jubilee Collection should exceed the sum of $250,000.00, the surplus be invested as an interest-bearing fund for the benefit of the Board of Aids.

4. We move that not only the interest of but the entire Jubilee Fund be placed at the disposal of the Mission Board.

5. We approve the work of the Jubilee Committee and move that Synod tender this Committee a vote of thanks, and that the Committee be continued.

Action of Synod on the Foregoing.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted after the Jubilee matter had been further discussed.

Item 3 was voted down, after it had been urged on the one hand that the Jubilee collection would awaken greater interest if the surplus were to be given to the Board of Aids as proposed, and the fear had been expressed on the other that a division of the collection would create confusion and might be regarded as unfair by those who had already made their subscriptions. As for the Board of Aids, an extra collection for it might be made later. In connection with this discussion, Collector F. O. Schuh reported that up to August 29th about $97,000.00 had been secured by the two collectors in the field, without including the amount Rev. Friedrich may have collected during the last week. Rev Schuh had visited 106 congregations and secured from them about $76,000.00, an average of about $700.00 per congregation and $3.35 per communicant. As these congregations have not completed their collections, it is possible that the average may later be higher.

B. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod With Reference to Our Institutions in General.

1. We rejoice that our schools without exception report a substantial increase in the number of students attending, that the condition of health among them was good and that the spirit and deportment of them was satisfactory, for all of which blessings we would render thanks to almighty God.

2. We recommend that when it becomes evident that a student or teacher has contracted tuberculosis the authorities of the school where the case occurs require him to withdraw.

I. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AND CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(O. R. pp. 11-15.)

1. *Resolved,* That we support the Columbus Seminary Board in the endeavor to raise the study of Hebrew to a higher plane of efficiency.

2. *Resolved,* That we ratify the action of the Board in the appointment of Messrs. Herman Benzin and Otto Spielman as members of the Board.

3. *Resolved,* That we join with the Board in recognizing the uncompromising Christian character and activities of the venerable Dr. Loy and in thanking God for the influence which he so long exerted against all un-Lutheran anti-Christian movements; and we join in the prayer that his example and influence may be permanent among us.

4. We rejoice over the completion of the library building and desire to extend to Dr. Theophilus Mees our sincere gratitude for his faithful and efficient work as Librarian. In this connection we recommended that our several Districts make use of the library and send it copies of their important documents for safe-keeping.

5. With regard to the Lehmann Divinity Hall be it

Resolved, (a) That necessity is upon us to provide more room for our school work at Columbus.

b. That Synod declare itself in favor of erecting this Hall on the campus at Capital University.

c. That the Board be asked to take immediate steps and decisive action to secure the necessary funds.

6. We recommend that Synod extend to Prof. Geo. K. Leonard our sincere sympathy and assure him of our prayers.

7. We recommend that Synod approve the new arrangement of the academy course. (O. R., p. 13, Item 4).

8. *Resolved*, That we approve the proposed course in business law for seminary students. (O. R., p. 14, Item 5).

Action of Synod on the Above.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Item 4 was adopted.

Item 5 was laid on the table until the next Convention of Synod.

Items 6, 7 and 8 were adopted.

II. LUTHER SEMINARY ST. PAUL, MINN.

(O. R. pp. 15 and 16.)

No special report of the Committee.

III. WOODVILLE NORMAL.

(O. R. pp. 16 and 17.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We recommend that the name of our institution at Woodville, O., be henceforth: Woodville Normal and Academy.

2. We recommend that the petition of the Woodville Board for another full professorship be granted.

3. With reference to the complaint of our Board that some of our congregations employ teachers that have received no seminary training whatever we would recommend that whenever possible only teachers that have enjoyed such training be employed by our congregations.

Action of Synod.

Items 1 and 2 were adopted.

Item 3 was not adopted.

IV. PACIFIC ACADEMY, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON.

(O. R. pp. 17 and 18.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

The report submitted by our Pacific Academy appears quite satisfactory. Realizing, however, that under the present arrange-

ment difficulties may arise, we recommend that all matters pertaining to our school work be entrusted to our Board and the general President of Synod, and that they be given full authority to meet such an emergency.

V. HEBRON ACADEMY.

(O. R. pp. 18 and 19.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

We find nothing in the report of the Hebron Academy that needs special consideration by your honorable body.

VI. LUTHER ACADEMY, MELVILLE, SASK.

(O. R. pp. 19 and 20.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. With the Board of the Luther Academy we mourn the loss sustained by the death of their chairman, Rev. Geo. Gehrke, and trust that God in his wisdom will soon provide a successor.

2. We recommend that the petition of the Board for a new instructor be granted.

3. We recommend that item 7 (O. R., p. 20), of the report of the Board of Luther Academy be adopted.

Action of Synod on the Foregoing.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted with the understanding that the instructor is to be an assistant teacher.

Item 3 was adopted.

VII. ACADEMY IN THE CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

With reference to the petition of the Concordia District, we offer the following recommendations:

1. That an institution of learning be opened by Synod within the bounds of tthe Concordia District.

2. That the aforesaid institution be located at Petersburg, West Va., provided that town and community give in fee simple a deed for eight and a fraction acres of land as shown by the plat presented by their representative, Mr. A. J. Welton, and a guaranty, satisfactory to the Board, of the payment of $5,000.00, to

be paid as stated in the communication from the citizens committee.

3. That the net profits from the sale of the Hickory property be devoted to the erection of the new institution.

4-a. That the sum of $20,000.00 be appropriated for the buildings.

b. That the sum of $5,000.00 be appropriated for equipment, i. e., furniture, wiring, plumbing, heating, etc.

c. That the building operations begin as soon as $1,500.00 has been raised in cash in addition to the $10,000.00 accruing from the sale of the Hickory property and the $5,000.00 guaranteed by the citizens of Petersburg, W. Va.

d. That for the present the course of instruction conform to that of a first-class high school as approved by the state of West Virginia; and that new courses be introduced as the Joint Synod of Ohio orders, except where it is evident that a course will be self-supporting, such as music, stenography, bookkeeping, etc.

5. That the Committee on Nominations propose candidates from which five trustees shall be elected to constitute the Board of the new school.

Action of Synod.

The report of the committee was thoroughly discussed and finally adopted in the form above given. Special attention was called to the fact that Joint Synod has resolved that the money accruing from the sale of the Hickory property is to be used in the establishment of such a school within the territory of the Concordia District. It was also urged that the continued existence and growth of the Lutheran Church in the particular region of the South referred to is largely dependent upon the establishment of a school there for the education of young men. As for Petersburg, the fact was emphasized that it is the center of a large Lutheran population and that within a radius of 50 miles there is no school of higher education in operation.

C. ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS.

I. WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME, RICHMOND, IND., AND ST. JOHN'S OLD FOLKS' HOME AT MARS, PA.

(O. R. pp. 20-23.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. We rejoice that our charitable institutions under the providence and mercy of God have been enabled to carry forward this important branch of our work without serious hindrance, and we trust that the blessing of God and the willing support of a Christian people may continue.

2. In view of the many years of faithful service rendered our Wernle Home by our deceased Bro. Beck, we would herewith thank God for giving us this man and express our appreciation of his noble work.

3. Respecting the request of the Wernle Board not to reduce the number of its members we would refer to the action of Synod at its last Convention and recommend that the same remain in force. (See 1914 Proceedings, p. 132.)

4. Trinity Congregation, Richmond, Indiana, submits the following petition to Synod:

To the Wernle Orphans' Home Board—

We respectfully ask the Board to permit the orphan children to attend the services at Trinity congregation every other Sunday. Also that it be the rule that children who are English in language predominantly and who would profit spiritually by instruction in the Catechism in English be permitted to attend the catechetical classes in Trinity congregation.

We ask this out of justice and fairness to Trinity congregation, as we enjoy having the children with us.

We ask it out of justice and fairness to the children, as the majority of them in later life will in all probability have more need for the English than for the German. They should have more opportunity for a training in the English forms of worship and hymnology than they are at present receiving.

In the name and by the authority of Trinity congregation,

O. T. F. Tressel, *Pastor.*

Inasmuch as the Board's hands are tied by a former resolution of Joint Synod, our Board recommends that the above petition be presented to the Synod.

M. L. Baum,
Sec. pro tem.

We recommend that this request be granted.

The decision in particular cases is left to the warden of the Home.

5. Touching the request of the Board of our Old Folks' Home at Mars and concurred in by the English District, — we move that as a rule five hundred dollars be required as an admission fee to said institution. (O. R., p. 103).

II. BOARD OF AIDS.

(O. R. pp. 23-24 and 65-68.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. Since the great majority of the Districts have declared against the pension fund system, we recommend that the present plan of the Board of Aids be retained.

2. We rejoice that more and more of our pastors, professors, teachers and congregations are supporting this Fund, and trust that the day may come when all will fall in line.

III. OLD FOLKS' HOME AT SPRINGFIELD, MINN.

(O. R. pp. 109-11.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

Your Committee recommends the following:

1. That the request of the St. John's Hospital and Old Folks' Home of Springfield, Minn., (O. R. p. 109), that Synod take over and continue said institutions as an Old Folks' Home of Joint Synod, be granted, and that the present Association take the necessary legal steps to make the transfer.

2. That for the next two years the Constitution of the Old Folks' Home at Mars, Pa., be in force at Springfield, Minn.

3. That we sanction the continuation of the Hospital on a small scale under the management of the Board.

4. (a) That as soon as the property is accepted by Synod a governing Board of five members (3 pastors and 2 laymen) be elected by Synod to serve for the next biennium.

b. That the Board submit to Synod at its next convention a constitution for adoption.

c. That the Board be authorized to secure a loan from some treasury of Synod to cover the present indebtedness.

d. That the Board be requested to find another name than St. John's Old Folks' Home, since Synod already has a similar institution bearing the same name.

IV. SANATORIUM AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

(O. R. pp. 106-109.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

Referring to the San Antonio Sanatorium, we rejoice in the good work done and the progress made toward the cancellation of all indebtedness. We move that the request found on p. 108, O. R., be granted and that we reaffirm Synod's proposition of two years ago with reference to the taking over of this institution. (See Minutes of 1914, p. 133).

V. THE DEACONESS CAUSE.

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

Resolved, That the petition of the Columbus district of the Woman's Missionary Conference asking for the appointment of a committee to study and report on the deaconess work, be granted.

That Revs. Em. Poppen and A. C. Schiff, Mr. Geo. C. Horst, Mrs. Dr. E. Pfeiffer and Mrs. J. L. Tranger constitute this committee.

D. MISSIONS.

I. HOME MISSIONS.

(O. R. pp. 24-34.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We thank God that our Home Missions, though under difficult circumstances caused by the European war and by crop failures in many parts of Canada, have been abundantly blessed. (O. R. p. 24).

2. WHEREAS, The business of the Mission Board has required approximately fifty-one (51) full day meetings and additional meetings of the Executive and the Auditing committees during the last two years, we recommend that a vote of thanks be extended the Mission Board for their faithful and self-sacrificing work in this department. And furthermore we should recognize the sacrifices that the various congregations have made in permitting their pastors to engage in this work. (O. R. p. 24).

3. We heartily endorse the efforts of the Mission Board in the readjustment of the salaries and the intention of raising the salaries of missionaries, and recommend that Joint Synod make an appropriation of $60,000 per annum to meet the additional expenses. (O. R. p. 25).

4. WHEREAS, Requests from old congregations which have been self-supporting for some years, for support from the missionary treasury, are increasing and are being recommended by the various Districts, we recommend that such congregations should either be prevailed upon also to increase the support of their pastors in accordance with the increased cost of living, or should be united with some other congregation to enable the same to remain self-supporting. (O. R. p. 25).

5. In regard to the request of Rev. Lehne for an English missionary for St. Paul we endorse the action of the Mission Board in their opinion that the ministers and students of St. Paul should do the necessary preliminary work in establishing a mission there before the Board furnishes the man for the work.

6. We endorse the request of the Mission Board in regard to the visits of the executive or representative of the Mission Board to district meetings in that not more than one week should be required of them to attend two district meetings and we urge Synod to request the various Districts so to arrange their sessions as to make this possible. (O. R. p. 25).

7. We recommend that the official title of the executive officer be changed as suggested to that of "General Superintendent of Home Missions (subject to the Mission Board), of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other states within the U. S. A. and Canada." (O. R. p. 26).

8. In regard to the communication of the Western District concerning the rule of Joint Synod according to which a promise is exacted from mission organizations desiring support, that in case they should at any time withdraw from Joint Synod, they will refund to the Mission Board the money they have received by way of support,

We recommend, that the obligation for missions be changed to read: That a congregation refund all the moneys received in case it leave synod within five years after it became self-supporting; and that the moneys be made payable at the time of secession. (O. R. p. 102, item 7).

9. We recommend that the Mission Board be authorized to purchase lots and erect chapels outright where they deem it advisable. (O. R. p. 27).

10. We recommend that the Mission Board's petition for authority to invest part of the Jubilee Fund be granted. (O. R. p. 27).

11. In regard to the Strathcona congregation we recommend (a) that another investigation of the situation be held, if such is desired by the Manitoba Synod. (O. R. p. 27).

b. We further recommend that the Mission Board be authorized to act in the matter according to the result of this investigation.

12. In regard to the communication of Rev. Schubarth of Milwaukee, we recommend that the matter be referred to the Mission Board for investigation and that assistance be given, at the discretion of the Board, out of the Jubilee collection of the Building Fund.

Action of Synod on the Foregoing.

Items 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.

Item 4 was adopted, with the understanding that the rule is not to be so rigidly enforced as to exclude all support of such congregations by the Mission Board.

Item 5 was voted down after considerable discussion, since the opinion prevailed that it often is necessary, especially in larger cities, to begin missionary work immediately by appointing a missionary. Instead of Item 5 the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Mission Board be authorized to appoint, as soon as possible, an English missionary to labor in St. Paul, Minn.

Items 6 to 9 were adopted.

Item 10 was changed to read: We move that the Mission Board be authorized to use the Jubilee Fund as it may deem best as soon as the money is sent in.

This was adopted.

In this connection Mr. C. Nagel was instructed to turn over the Jubilee money now on hand to the treasurer of the Church Building Fund.

Resolved, That Mr. C. Nagel continue to act as treasurer of the Jubilee Fund until the office of General Treasurer is in

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Action of Synod.

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Items 8 and 9 were adopted.

Item 10 was discussed at length and then adopted. It was urged that we need the office referred to if our Sunday-school work is to meet our needs and be made as efficient as possible, and that the expense incurred by the appointment of an editor and supervisor will be amply repaid not only in the improvement of our Sunday-school work but also from a financial standpoint.

Item 11 was also thoroughly discussed. Emphasis was laid on the fact that Women's Missionary Conferences among us are yet in their infancy and that the persons attending them vary very much from year to year. Besides, it is not wise to establish too many special periodicals. The various departments of our church papers are open to articles of general interest that may be offered by our Women's Conferences.

Items 11 and 12 were adopted.

The manager of the Book Concern then gave the titles of the books published by the Concern during the last two years. He is to furnish a complete list of the titles for publication in this year's minutes.

Aside from the regular staples the following books were published during the last biennium:

Conrad, Prayers for Little Ones.*
Gohdes, Lily of Carlisle.*
Gohdes, War Cannot Sever What the Cross Unites.*
Gohdes, Under the Banner of the Snow King.*
Golladay, Lenten Outlines and Sermons.*
Lenski, Eisenach Gospels. 2nd Ed.
Lose, Catechism Bible Narratives.
Nordsick, Biblische Erzaehlungen fuer Anfaenger.
Pflueger, Genevieve.*
Schuette, Exercises Unto Godliness.*
Sheatsley, To My Sunday School Teachers.*
Sheatsley, Sermons on the Eisenach Gospels.
Schuh, H. J., Catechisations.*
Schuh, L. H., Life's Morning.
Schuh, L. H., Through Luther to Liberty.

The manager of the Book Concern gave assurance that he would see to it that objectionable matters are kept out of our almanacs.

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F. FINANCES.

(O. R. pp. 44-97.)

I. APPROPRIATIONS.

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

A. ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend that the following annual appropriations be granted for the next biennium:

A.	Capital University	$15,000 00
B.	Luther Seminary, St. Paul	12,000 00
	including the special appropriation for toilet facilities.	
C.	Woodville Normal	6,300 00
D.	Pacific Academy	1,700 00
E.	Hebron Academy	4,300 00
F.	Luther Academy, Melville	3,500 00
G.	Wernle Orphans' Home	7,300 00
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I.	Old Folks' Home, Springfield, Minn	2,000 00
J.	Foreign Missions	10,000 00
K.	Negro Missions	8,000 00
	Special appropriations for buildings	6,000 00
L.	Home Missions	60,000 00

B. OTHER APPROPRIATIONS.

Woodville. We recommend that the Board's request for a Ladies' Dormitory and an appropriation of $10,000.00 for its erection and equipment be granted, on the condition that the Board appoint a collector and that as soon as two-thirds of the money needed is secured they be permitted to build.

Hebron.

Resolved, That the request of the Hebron Board be granted to the extent of three thousand five hundred dollars ($3,500.00). That the Board appoint a collector and that as soon as two-thirds of this sum is secured the building may be erected on the present institution grounds.

Resolved, That henceforth the sum of $100.00 be annually paid to the Hebron Academy for library purposes.

Resolved, That under the circumstances the resignation of Bro. Theodore Buehring as collector of the Building Fund, Hebron Academy, be accepted, and that the Brother be heartily thanked; also that the Hebron Board devise ways and means for the further liquidation of this debt.

Melville. Referring to the request of the Canada District (O. R. p. 105), your committee moves (a) that from now on one hundred dollars be annually paid to Melville Academy for library purposes; (b) That Melville be favored in that it receive one hundred dollars also for 1915.

Resolved, That the Melville Board be instructed to collect as soon as possible the money which the city of Melville still owes our Academy.

II. VARIOUS OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We rejoice that largely through the untiring efforts of our General President, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, an interest-bearing fund of about four hundred and twenty thousand dollars ($420,000.00), has been secured to Synod and hope this fund will be generously remembered also in the future, especially by our brethren of means.

2. *Resolved,* That the Boards of our several institutions be urged to arrange for the gathering of interest-bearing funds for their respective institutions.

3. Since all but one of the Districts favor the merging of the treasuries of Synod we would recommend: a. The creation of this office by Synod at this time;

b. That a committee of three pastors and two laymen be appointed and empowered (1) to formulate rules and regulations governing this office on the basis of the plan submitted at Detroit in 1914, and (2) To appoint a suitable man for this office.

4. That the General Institution Treasurer (O. R. p. 14, Item 7), be authorized to pay the annual apportionments to the various institutions in ten equal payments and that he be authorized to borrow money (the notes to be countersigned by the General President) to pay the salaries of the professors promptly beginning September, 1916.

5. Since the Canada District is for the most part a missionary district and its apportionment is larger than that of any other district, we recommend that Joint Synod reduce its assessment for said District by 50% for the next five years.

6. That the interests of the disbanded Glick or Salem's congregation of Canal Winchester, O., reverting by law to the

Joint Synod be sold to the Winchester parish by giving it a quit-claim deed in consideration of the payment of one dollar.

7. We recommend that the Capital University Board sell the Christ Church property to Christ congregation under either of the following options:

a. That the sale price be fixed by a committee which shall consider the various factors, especially the amount Synod has invested in the property; or,

b. That we sell the property outright for the sum of eight thousand dollars.

8. With reference to the petition of St. Paul's congregation, Hickory, N. C., we would submit:

a. That the sale has not yet been satisfactorily consummated.

b. That as soon as the funds are in our hands we refund to the St. Paul's congregation of Hickory $1,000.00, the amount contributed from that neighborhood to the seminary there purchased.

9. *Resolved*, That Synod release no part of the Hickory Seminary mortgage until it has all been satisfied.

10. *Resolved*, a. That the Board of Management of the Canada District take over the title to the property of Luther Academy at Melville.

b. That this Board of Management take out a charter with the Provincial Government for this Academy.

11. That gifts and endowments made in Canada shall be managed by the respective Boards to which they may have been given.

12. That the Board of Administration find ways and means to provide for the remaining indebtedness of $2,500.00 on Luther Academy at Melville.

13. That the Church Building Fund be authorized to loan the Kreuz congregation of Winnipeg for five years without interest a sum covering the present loans of this congregation from the several treasuries of Synod, together with accrued interest to date.

14. Referring to the request of several of the Districts and of the Board of Aids asking that one-half of the five thousand dollars received annually from the Lutheran Book Concern be used for the current expenses of this Board and that the other

half be set aside as an interest-bearing fund, we move that this request be granted.

15. We move that the recommendation found on pages 141 and 143 of the minutes of 1914 relative to the various Boards paying the traveling expenses of their respective members be now taken from the table and adopted, to the effect that henceforth the traveling expenses of the Boards of the various institutions be paid by the treasurers of the respective institutions instead of paying them out of the Synodical Treasury.

16. *Resolved*, That the salary of the General President be raised to $2,000.00 per annum.

17. *Resolved*, That the salary of the Warden of the Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Indiana, be raised in the sum of $100.00 per annum.

18. *Resolved*, That we sanction the increase of the salary of President Mees above the maximum fixed by Synod. The increase, however, should have been made subject to the approval of Synod.

19. *Resolved*, That the Board of Capital University be authorized to add to the money received from the Board of Aids by Prof. George K. Leonard, Em., a sum sufficient to make his income from Synod $1,000.00 per annum, said sum to be paid in weekly installments.

Action of Synod on the Foregoing.

The entire report was discussed item by item and adopted in the form here printed.

Later the following committee was appointed to carry out the requirements of Item 3-b.

Dr. C. H. L. Schuette,
Rev. H. J. Schuh,
Rev. E. F. W. Stellhorn.
Prof. S. A. Singer,
Mr. C. F. Mayer.

G. VARIA.

1. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DISTRICTS, CONFERENCES, ETC., NOT ELSEWHERE ACTED UPON BY SYNOD.

Report of Preliminary Committee.

1. WHEREAS, Not all the Districts have reported on the Theses of the Western District concerning the lodge question,

and whereas the Washington District has requested that action be postponed for two years so that more uniform results may be attained, we recommend that the request of the Washington District be granted.

We believe, however, that the officers of the Districts should earnestly supervise the carrying out of the existing rule, since our missionaries are put under such strict regulation in this matter by Synod.

2. Respecting the resolution of the Minnesota District (O. R. p. 104-7) we move that this matter be laid on the table, and that a committee of five, of which the President shall be ex-officio a member, be appointed to revise the Constitution of Joint Synod.

3. In regard to the communication of the Northern District it is our opinion that lady teachers who have been trained in Lutheran normal schools have the same duties and rights as our parochial school teachers. (German O. R. p. 108).

4. *Resolved,* That the first petition of the Northern Conference of the Eastern District be granted, but that at present it is impossible to meet the wishes of this Conference in its second petition. (O. R. p. 106).

5. The Canada District petitions Joint Synod to grant that the surplus in the treasury for sufferers in Canada be given to the Beneficiary Treasury after March 1, 1917, the surplus at present being $608.14. We recommend that this petition be granted.

6. *Resolved,* That Synod appoint an agent—one for each Passenger Association—to act in our behalf in securing railway transportation privileges for our missionaries and others engaged in similar work, as well as for Conventions of Synod.

Action of Synod.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was adopted and the following were appointed as the committee: Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, Rev. Emanuel Poppen, President Otto Mees, Rev. R. E. Golladay, Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, ex-officio, and Attorney Robert Pfeiffer, advisory.

To this committee Item 3 was also referred.

Items 4 and 5 adopted.

Item 6 was adopted and the following agents were appointed: Eastern Passenger Association—Rev. C. J. Loehr. Western Passenger Association—Rev. C. J. Lange. Central Passenger Association—Mr. F. C. Mayer, Columbus, Ohio. Southwestern Passenger Association—Rev. Paul Hein.

II. GRIEVANCES.

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

A. Respecting an appeal by Rev. A. F. W. Benzin your committee would suggest the following:

1. That under a rule of Joint Synod the Mission Board has the formal right to take their missionary away and to withhold further support from a congregation which refuses to sign the pledge to refund moneys received, if it should leave Joint Synod.

2. That as long as the Board does not recall its missionary the call remains binding upon all parties concerned and the salary must be paid.

3. In the case laid before your committee we find that the withholding of salary was to a great extent brought about by Rev. Benzin's attitude toward the Board. As the misunderstanding and differences between the Board and Rev. Benzin have been removed, we see no reason why the back salary should not be paid.

3. We would call Synod's attention to the resolution of 1914 (See Minutes of 1914, pp. 124 and 125) appointing a committee to draw up rules and regulations for all of our Districts, setting forth the rights and duties of the pastors, congregations and officers of Synod according to which all matters of difference may be adjusted. We recommend that this committee be continued and report at the next convention of Synod. The members of the committee are: Rev. J. F. C. Soller, Rev. E. A. Boehme and Rev. W. H. Bachman.

III. RESULT OF THE VOTE ON CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

Report of the Committee.

(See Minutes of 1914, p. 144.)

We beg leave to report as follows:

1.	Number of votes cast by congregations	50
2.	Number of votes cast by pastors	60
3.	Number of votes cast by professors	2
	Total	112
4.	Of this number one congregation and three pastors voted no	4
5.	Total vote favoring the amendment	108

W. A. BOWMAN,
A. F. LORENZEN.

This report was adopted. The President, however, ruled that the number of votes cast for the amendment did not constitute the necessary majority to change the Constitution, so that the amendment is not yet adopted.

IV. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEXT-BOOKS IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

In view of the fact that the advocates of evolution doctrines are becoming more brazen and determined in bringing to the youth of our land their pernicious doctrines, be it resolved that we urge all parents to register protests with their Boards of Education and that pastors give due attention to this subject and instruct their people by means of special lectures before the young folks' and other societies, by sermons and other means at their command, that all may learn the Scripture truth and be informed and firmly grounded against this error. We further suggest that the committee having in hand the matter of examination of school books be continued.

V. EQUALIZATION OF TRAVELING EXPENSES.

The Equilization Committee consisted of Rev. L. F. Meyer and Mr. Adolf Braun.

Report of the Committee.

The average traveling expenses of the 99 delegates amounted to $24.25. The total amount collected and disbursed by your committee was $996.55.

A. BRAUN,
L. F. MEYER,
Committee.

As by an oversight in the tabulation a deficit of $9.25 resulted which it was now too late to correct, Synod resolved that the deficit be paid by the Synodical Treasurer.

VI. ELECTIONS.

The lists of candidates proposed by the District President were taken up section by section and adopted.

By special resolution the election was held on Monday from 2 to 6 P. M.

The Committee on Elections consisted of Rev. J. F. Schellhase, Teacher Ernest Wenzel and Prof. O. A. Pfeiffer.

As heretofore it was resolved that whenever two or more members are to be elected for different terms of service the candidate receiving the most votes shall serve the longer term.

The election, which was conducted in the customary manner, resulted as follows:

Officers of Synod.

President — Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., Columbus, Ohio.
First Vice President — Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Second Vice President — Rev. H. K. G. Doermann, St. Paul, Minn.
German Secretary — Rev. W. D. Ahl, Oshkosh, Wis.
English Secretary — Rev. A. Pflueger, Clyde, Ohio.
Synodical Treasurer — Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, Ohio.
Institution Treasurer — Mr. F. J. Heer, Columbus, Ohio.
Editors of Kirchenzeitung — Editor-in-Chief, Prof. R. C. H. Lenski, D. D., Columbus, Ohio; Missionary Editor, Rev. J. H. Schneider, Columbus, Ohio; News Editor, Rev. C. C. Hein, Columbus, Ohio; Home Circle Editor, Prof. Wm. Schmidt, St. Paul, Minn.
Editors of Lutheran Standard — Editor-in-Chief, Rev. J. Sheatsley, Columbus, O.; Missionary Editor, Prof. E. Pfeiffer, D. D., Columbus, O.; News Editor, Rev. H. J. Melcher, Columbus, O.; Home Circle Editor, Rev. C. W. Pflueger, Columbus, O.
Zeitblaetter-Magazine — Editor-in-Chief, Prof. F. W. Stellhorn, D. D., Columbus, O.; Assistant Editor, Prof. George H. Schodde, Ph. D., Columbus, O.

Kinderfreude — Rev. J. F. Schellhase, Mt. Healthy, O.

Lutheran Youth — Prof. C. B. Gohdes, Columbus, O.; Juvenile Department, Rev. G. W. Lose, Columbus, O.; Missionary Department, Rev. J. A. Dell, Franklin, O.

Auditing Committee — Prof. S. A. Singer, Columbus, O.; Mr. E. W. Mayer, Columbus, O. Both for 2 years.

Board of Administration — Mr. F. J. Heer, Columbus, O.; Mr. G. C. Horst, Columbus, O. Both for 4 years.

Theological Seminary Board, Columbus, O. — Rev. J. F. C. Soller, Youngstown, O.; Rev. Hugo Schmidt, Middletown, O.; Mr. Philip Herrnstein, Circleville, O., and Prof. G. Lange, Dayton, O. All to serve for 6 years.

Luther Seminary Board, St. Paul, Minn. — Rev. Geo. Diemer, Brownton, Minn.; Rev. J. F. Bohnhoff, Valley City, N. D., and Mr. H. Kay, St. Paul, Minn. All to serve for 4 years.

Woodville Seminary Board, Woodville, O. — Rev. H. D. Blohm, Woodville, O.; Teacher J. J. Ballmer, Oak Harbor, O.; Mr. E. Niemann, Woodville, O., and Mr. Fred. Mountler, Woodville, O. All to serve 4 years.

Pacific Academy Board, Spokane, Wash. — Rev. O. Just, Ritzville, Washington; Rev. C. Kilian, Puyallup, Wash., and Mr. H. Pochert, Tacoma, Wash. All to serve 4 years.

Hebron Academy Board, Hebron, Nebraska — Rev. W. F. H. Kerl, Lenexa, Kas.; Rev. F. Pohlmann, Glenville, Neb., and Mr. W. F. Middendorf, Bruning, Neb. All for 4 years.

Melville Academy Board, Melville, Sask. — Rev. L. F. Tank, Winnipeg, Man.; Rev. C. Pohlmann, Melville, Sask., and Mr. J. D. Miller, Melville, Sask. All for 4 years.

Canadian Board of Management — Rev. L. F. Tank, Winnipeg, Man., and Mr. J. D. Miller, Melville, Sask. Both for 4 years.

Board of St. John's Lutheran Home, Mars, Pa. — Rev. Adolf Ebert, Pittsburgh, Pa., 6 years; Rev. C. F. W. Brecht, Chicora, Pa., 2 years; Mr. C. E. Cronenwett, Butler, Pa., 6 years; Mr. George Dingeldey, Youngstown, O., 2 years.

Board of Academy, Petersburg, W. Va. — Rev. A. E. Krause, Moyers, W. Va., 4 years; Rev. W. E. Schramm, Pittsburgh, Pa., 4 years; Rev. S. H. Puffenberger, Derwood, Md., 2 years; Mr. George Mallow, Petersburg, W. Va., 4 years; Mr. Charles Dobler, Baltimore, Md., 2 years.

Board of Old Folks' Home, Springfield, Minn. — Rev. Wm. von Fischer, Springfield, Minn., 4 years; Rev. Wm. Langholz, Morgan, Minn., 4 years; Rev. L. Moench, Pine Island, Minn., 2 years; Teacher Ph. Scharmann, Springfield, Minn., 4 years; Mr. Ferd. Kettner, Springfield, Minn., 2 years.

Publication Board. — Rev. C. W. Pflueger, Columbus, O.; Rev. H. J. Schuh, Anna, O., and Prof. F. C. Mayer, Woodville, O. All for 6 years.

Home Mission Board — Rev. M. R. Walter, Gahanna, O., and Rev. G. J. Troutman, Circleville, O. Both for 6 years.

Board of Foreign Missions — Director K. Hemminghaus, Woodville, O., and Mr. Fred. Nagel, Columbus, O. Both for 6 years.

Board of Negro Missions — Rev. J. C. Felger, Baltimore, Md., and Mr. John Gunkle, Baltimore, Md. Both for 6 years.

Board of Aids — Rev. Theo. J. C. Stellhorn, Sandusky, O.; Teacher F. Wiechert, Sandusky, O., and Mr. J. F. Niemann, Woodville, O. All for 6 years.

Statistician — Prof. C. Ackermann, Ph. D., Columbus, O.

Delegates to Convention of the Federation of Lutheran Churches in America — Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Columbus, O.; Rev. H. J. Schuh, Anna, O.; Rev. C. C. Hein, Columbus, O.; Dr. R. C. H. Lenski, Columbus, O.; Rev. H. P. Dannecker, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Rev. J. E. A. Doermann, Washington, D. C.; Rev. J. Sheatsley, Columbus, O.; Mr. A. H. Dornbirer, Columbus, O.; Mr. C. E. Cronenwett, Butler, Pa.; Judge J. J. Dobler, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. G. C. Horst, Columbus, O.; Mr. Otto F. Mayer, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Carl Bauch, Oak Harbor, O.; Mr. Wm. Altmann, Columbus, O.

Committee on Rules and Appointment of Synodical Treasurer. — Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Columbus, O.; Rev. H. J. Schuh, Anna, O.; Rev. E. F. W. Stellhorn, Columbus, O.; Mr. C. F. Mayer, Columbus, O.; Prof. S. A. Singer, Columbus, O.

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Treasurer.....Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, O.

General Institution Treasurer.

Mr. Fred J. Heer, 55 East Main St., Columbus, O.

Theological Seminary Board, Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. L. H. Schuh.....	1918	Rev. Hugo Schmidt.....	1922
Rev. J. F. C. Soller.....	1922	Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt.....	1918
Rev. M. C. Hecht.....	1920	Mr. Philip Herrnstein.....	1922
Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff..	1920	Mr. G. A. Lange.....	1922
Rev. L. H. Burry.....	1918	Mr. C. Nagel.....	1920
Rev. A. L. Nicklas.....	1918	Mr. D. A. Ebinger.....	1920

Luther Seminary Board, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. A. C. Ernst	1918	Mr. C. Burkhardt	1918
Rev. W. von Fischer	1918	Mr. H. Kay	1920
Rev. J. F. Bohnhoff	1920	Mr. J. Koosmann	1918
Rev. G. Diemer	1920		

Board of Woodville Normal, Woodville, Ohio.

Rev. H. P. Dannecker	1918	Teacher J. J. Ballmer	1920
Rev. H. Blohm	1920	Mr. E. Niemann	1920
Rev. A. G. Bergener	1918	Mr. E. Wenzel	1918
Teacher E. Laucher	1918	Mr. Fred Mountler	1920

Board of Pacific Academy.

Rev. O. Just	1920	Mr. J. Wellsandt	1918
Rev. C. Kilian	1920	Mr. H. Pochert	1920
Rev. P. Groschupf	1918	Mr. Geo. Sillmann	1918
Rev. A. Krause	1918		

Board of Melville Academy, Melville, Sask.

Rev. L. F. Tank	1920	Mr. J. D. Mueller	1920
Rev. C. Pohlmann	1920	Mr. Geo Propp	1918
Rev. J. Fritz	1918		

Board of Hebron Academy, Hebron, Neb.

Rev. F. Pohlmann	1920	Mr. W. F. Middendorf	1920
Rev. W. F. H. Kerl	1920	Mr. W. Damm	1918
Rev. C. Dagefoerde	1918		

Board of Wernle Orphans' Home.

Rev. M. L. Baum	1920	Mr. G. Hagelberger	1920
Rev. A. J. Feeger	1918	Mr. George Deuker	1918
Mr. J. Schultz	1920	Mr. L. Rogge	1918

Board of Old Folks' Home and Orphans' Home, Mars, Pa.

Rev. C. V. Sheatsley	1920	Mr. C. E. Cronenwett	1922
Rev. Adolf Ebert	1922	Mr. A. G. Gauger	1920
Rev. C. F. W. Brecht	1918	Mr. Geo. Dingeldey	1918

Publication Board.

Rev. J. W. Kuntz	1918	Teacher F. C. Mayer	1922
Rev. C. W. Pflueger	1922	Mr. J. C. Overmeyer	1918
Rev. C. C. Hein	1920	Mr. E. V. Swickheimer	1920
Rev. J. Sheatsley	1920	Mr. O. Willert	1918
Rev. H. J. Schuh	1922		

Home Mission Board.

Rev. S. A. Stein	1920	Rev. M. R. Walter	1922
Rev. D. P. Ebert	1918	Rev. G. F. Troutmann	1922
Rev. J. J. Allwardt	1918		

Rev. E. F. W. Stellhorn, Executive Officer.

Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. J. H. Schneider	1920	Mr. W. Altmann	1918
Prof. E. Pfeiffer, D. D.	1819	Mr. Fred. Nagel	1922
Prof. K. Hemminghaus	1922		

Negro Mission Board.

Rev. C. F. W. Hartlage	1920	Judge J. J. Dobler	1918
Rev. J. E. A. Doermann	1918	Mr. John Gunkle	1922
Rev. J. C. Felger	1922		

Board of Aids.

Rev. Theo. J. C. Stellhorn	1922	Teacher F. Wiechert	1922
Rev. C. Bez	1920	Mr. J. Michelfelder	1920
Rev. C. H. Althoff	1918	Mr. J. F. Niemann	1922
Teacher C. Vogel	1918		

Board of Administration.

Mr. John Kohl, Columbus, O	1918
Mr. C. F. Mayer, Columbus, O	1918
Mr. F. J. Heer, Columbus, O	1920
Mr. G. C. Horst, Columbus, O	1920

Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, Columbus, O., ex-officio.

Canada Board of Management.

Rev. C. Pohlmann	1918	Rev. J. Brodt	1918
Rev. L. F. Tank	1920	Mr. J. D. Miller	1920

Pres. J. Fritz, ex-officio.

Petersburg Academy Board.

Rev. A. E. Krause	1920	Mr. George Mallow	1920
Rev. W. E. Schramm	1920	Mr. Charles Dobler	1918
Rev. G. H. Puffenberger	1918		

Board of Old Folks' Home, Springfield, Minn.

Rev. Wm. von Fischer	1920	Teacher Ph. Scharmann	1920
Rev. Wm. Langholz	1920	Mr. Ferd. Kettner	1918
Rev. L. Moench	1918		

Committee for the Celebration of Reformation Jubilee.

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Rev. Oscar Tressel.
Rev. M. C. Hecht.
Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt
Mr. David W. Heiser, Hamilton, O.
Mr. Phil. Reinartz, Middletown, O.
Mr. Henry Requarth, Dayton, O.
Mr. Harry Loy, Dayton, O.
Mr. A. H. Dornbirer, Columbus, O.

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Rev. E. A. Boehme.
Rev. W. H. Bachman.

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Prof. H. K. G. Doermann
Prof. George K. Leonard.

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Mr. Otto F. Mayer, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. Carl Bauch, Oak Harbor, O.
Mr. Wm. Altmann, Columbus, O.

Committee on Merging Treasuries.

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Rev. H. J. Schuh.
Rev. E. F. W. Stellhorn.
Mr. C. F. Mayer, Columbus, O.
Prof. S. A. Singer.

Committee to Revise the Constitution of Joint Synod.

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Rev. Emanuel Poppen.
Rev. R. E. Golladay.
President Otto Mees.
Mr. A. H. Dornbirer.
Attorney Robt. Pfeiffer, Advisory.

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Eastern Passenger Association — Rev. C. J. Loehr.
Western Passenger Association — Rev. C. J. Lange.
Central Passenger Association — Mr. F. C. Mayer.
Southwestern Passenger Association — Rev. Paul Hein.

Auditing Committee.

Prof. S. A. Singer and Mr. E. W. Mayer.

OTHER BUSINESS AND RESOLUTIONS.

A letter from President Heydenreich of the Australian District was read by the secretary before the assembled Synod.

Rev. Frank P. Manhart, D. D., Secretary of the proposed Federation of Lutheran Synods in America, was present as a guest of Synod during the greater part of its sessions. He was welcomed by the President and in a brief address reported as to what had thus far been accomplished in the Federation cause.

Dr. Theo. Mees and Prof. A. O. Swinehart were excused from attendance at this convention.

Resolved, That Synod express its thanks to the chairman and the various committees for their untiring labors.

Resolved, That we thank Rev. Theodore J. C. Stellhorn and wife as well as his Zion's congregation and its noble women for the kind reception and splendid entertainment accorded us during the convention of Synod; and also Rev. C. H. Herrnstein and his St. Paul's congregation for their generous assistance in furnishing free quarters for the members and guests of Synod. Further

Resolved, That the pastors referred to communicate this resolution of thanks to their congregations next Sunday.

Resolved, That we thank the organists of Synod and the choir of Zion's congregation for their services, and that we express our appreciation of the organ recital with which Teacher F. Weichert, assisted by Mrs. John Unkrich and Miss Ruth Lehrer, entertained the members of Synod. Further

Resolved, That we thank the press of Sandusky for the use of its columns in our behalf, and also Mr. Geo. Boeckling, President of the Cedar Point Association, for his liberality in furnishing free steamer tickets for the use of our members and guests.

Resolved, That the janitor of Zion's congregation, Mr. John Witzke, receive from the Synodical Treasurer the sum of $5.00 for his extra services.

Resolved, That the distribution of the Minutes and the decision as to how many copies are to be printed in English and German be left to our Book Concern.

After Synod had thus transacted the business before it, the Minutes of the final session had been read and adopted and the roll had been called, it adjourned at 4:30 P. M. with divine services conducted by the President according to the beautiful and impressive order of our German liturgy.

Deo Soli Gloria.

The correctness of these Minutes is attested by

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *President*,
W. D. AHL, *German Secretary*,
A. PFLUEGER, *English Secretary*.

SERVICES DURING SYNOD.

Zion's Church.

Thursday Morning—Sermon by Dr. C. H. L. Schuette. Text: 2 Cor. 12:14-16.

Friday Evening—Rev. M. P. Doermann, preaching. Text: Gal. 6:7 and 8.

Sunday Morning—Confessional Address by Rev. N. Frueh. Text: Luke 19:41.

Sermon by Prof. Wm. Schmidt. Text: Rom. 1:16.

Sunday Evening—Sermon by Rev. W. E. Schramm. Text: Mark 10:17-22.

Tuesday Evening—Sermon by W. J. Schomann. Text: 1 Cor. 4:1-4.

St. Paul's Church.

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